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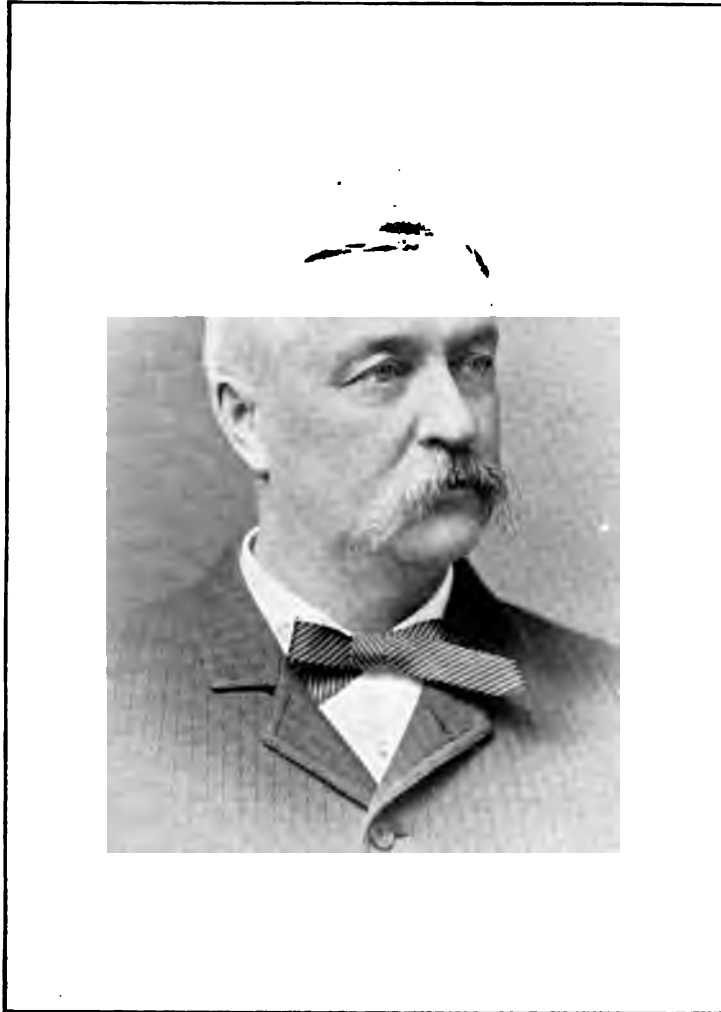
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PREFACE.

AT a picnic gathering at Gull Lake, Mich., on Wednesday, July, 28th, 1886, where several members of the Ezra Olin family were in attendance, the question of organizing an Olin Reunion was presented by W. W. Olin to the writer. After a little time passed in discussion, it was decided to call together the few friends there assembled, and present the subject for their consideration. A few chairs and benches were hastily arranged on the camp ground, a pressing invitation was personally given to each, and rather reluctantly, with little faith, the few friends seated themselves, when W. W. Olin stated the object of assembling. The more thought the subject received the more it was considered feasible, and a step in the right direction. The enthusiasm, which at first but three or four keenly felt, began to spread, and soon all entered quite heartily into the work. A temporary organization was effected by choosing G. R. C. Adams, President ; W. W. Olin, Secretary ; W. W. Russell, Treasurer, and Geo. S. Nye, Historian. Other meetings were soon after called, committees were appointed, preparations made, and the first Olin Reunion was held at Gull Lake, Mich., October 1st, 1886, about 180 persons being present. At this meeting an invitation was given to hold the second Reunion the next year at Streetsboro', Ohio. O. F. Haymaker was elected President ; Elon Olin, Treasurer ; Geo. S. Nye, Historian ; W. W. Olin, Secretary ; and afterward C. R. Doolittle was elected Secretary for Ohio. The result and success of this meeting, where over 400 relatives were assembled, is seen in a pamphlet report printed by the Ohio friends. At that time a better organization was effected, a constitution and by-laws were adopted, and the present historian elected for "life" or "during good behavior." At this

second meeting the New York cousins extended an invitation to hold the third Reunion in Perry, N. Y. The following officers were then chosen: President, Milo H. Olin; Treasurer, William Olin; Secretary, Mary J. Sheldon,—all of Perry. The third Reunion was held near the banks of Silver Lake, in New York, on Wednesday, September 19th, 1888.

The fourth Olin Reunion was held in Galesburgh, Mich., September 18th and 19th, 1889. President, W. W. Olin; Secretary, Mrs. Ida Adams; Treasurer, Hiram Olin. A complete report of the meeting is recorded in pamphlet form, a few of which still remain in the hands of the historian.

The fifth annual Reunion was held in Kent, Ohio, October 1st and 2nd, 1890, with C. R. Doolittle, President; Elon Olin, Treasurer, and N. E. Olin, Secretary. The records of this meeting are also preserved in pamphlet form. At its conclusion the following named officers were elected: President, Milo H. Olin; Treasurer, Albert E. Olin; Secretary, Paris Bolton.

On October 1st and 2nd, 1891, an informal meeting was held in Bennington, Vt., some fifty members of the Ezra Olin branch being present, and were joined by several members of other branches of the Olin family—that of Giles being quite well represented. This meeting was more the result of an excursion conducted by members of Ezra Olin family than by any pre-arranged plan. A full printed report of this gathering is also in the hands of many of our friends.

The reader will now see why my name is connected with this work, and how it has been brought about. At first elected historian of the family, I was thus expected to look up its history, and gather its records, from which to condense a report to be read at the annual meetings. This work I became deeply interested in, and strove to make it successful. As it progressed, material accumulated with which the family history could be written. Encouraged by friends, sanctioned and assisted by the Olin family organization, further and patient research has brought to light the records and much of the history of our early ancestors, which with as much of the "life sketch" of the different members of our immediate kindred as could be obtained, compose the material for the following pages.

These "sketches" of living and departed friends, which of necessity must be brief, I have tried in my feeble way to write faithfully and impartially; yet feel in many instances that my work is nearly a failure, as there was so little material to work from, my requests for such not being fully complied with, and in some cases not at all, which accounts for many omissions.

It has required much time and labor to arrange and correct the family records. When first received there were many errors among them. My earnest endeavor has been to correct each and every known error, yet, with all this precaution, mistakes may appear.

That I have been more than five years in preparing this work, I think, speaks for the thorough manner of its preparation, and while permitting nothing to interfere with its final completion, doubt and discouragement many times stood ready to work defeat. It was then that the kindly advice or encouragement of some dear friend would dispel the dark clouds, and the work went cheerfully on again.

In justice to those who have rendered more than usual aid in supplying material for the pages following, I return thanks to Ezra Olin, Jr., Paris Olin, Almira Bolton, and Mary Jane Sheldon. The success of the work is greatly due to their kindly efforts. Now, kind friends, in your criticism of the "Sketches and Records of the Olin Family" please exercise charity; consider that your historian has labored to preserve your name and record for those generations who shall flourish when we sleep in dust. He may have failed to give them in their true light and character, but would it not have been made better had you furnished a more complete "sketch" or synopsis of your life?

With love and gratitude to my many friends who have conferred upon me this great honor, and with a parting wish that in that grand Reunion above we may all assemble without an absent one, there to hear the Great Historian call our names, and read that record from the Book of Life—"Well done, thou good and faithful servant,"

Yours very respectfully,

GEO. S. NYE.

GALESBURG, MICH., April, 1892.

INTRODUCTION.

IN looking into the history of the Welsh people, from whom the Olins have descended, we find that the race which once occupied the whole island of Great Britain, were a light-haired and fair-complexioned people; active, bold and courageous, and when Julius Cæsar invaded the island B. C. 55 in order to chastise the Britons for aiding a certain tribe in Gaul against the Roman power, he met with fierce opposition, insomuch that it was not until one hundred years afterwards before they undertook to proceed with vigor to subdue the country. This undertaking was met with desperate resistance by the native British princes, but finally the south half of Britain was conquered by Vespasian and made Roman provinces in the reign of Claudius, about A. D. 50. These remained in possession of the Romans until about 420, when the Saxons invaded South Britain and subdued it.

Druidism was the religion of the Britons at their conquest by the Romans, but the latter introduced Christianity and Roman literature into the country.

During the disturbances and wars which long agitated the island, many of the native inhabitants retired to the hills and mountain fortresses in the southwestern part, and for centuries maintained their personal characteristics and self-government.

Inspired by the love of liberty, they resisted all attempts at subjugation, and thus we find them in history, living under the government of their own native princes for a number of centuries.

Previous to the spring of 1282, the Welsh had been partially subdued by the English and were in a great measure under their subjection, but at this time the fancied security of the

English Government was disturbed by a national outbreak of the Welsh. The prince Llewellyn and his wife Eleanora, whom he had so much difficulty in obtaining, were the rulers. In the struggle that ensued it seemed to be one of much grief; for his wife had died shortly before the last struggle for Welsh independence had commenced. Llewellyn fell in a sudden skirmish at Builth, in the valley of the Wye; his head was sent to Edward, who placed it on the walls of the Tower of London crowned with an ivy wreath in mockery of a prediction of Merlin that when the English money should become circular, the Prince of Wales should be crowned in London.

For six months the last of the unfortunate prince's family held out against the invaders, but being betrayed he was imprisoned in the Castle of Rhuddlan and on the 30th of September, 1283, was arraigned as a traitor before a parliament summoned to meet at Shrewsbury and in the high street of the city, David, the brother of the prince, suffered the penalties of treason. Wales then became a part of the English government.

In preparing this work, it was a very slow and difficult matter to obtain reliable data and information concerning the first generations of the Olin family, who made their home in America. A result of the work in collecting those records, can be seen in the following pages which show the progress made and also the source from whence obtained.

At first, partially traditional, it finally became reliable, as the records are obtained from good authority. Regarding the appearance of the first Olin on American shores, the Vermont Historical Gazetteer records the following: "*John Olin*, the first of the name in America, settled in East Greenwich, Rhode Island, in 1678.

From a work entitled "The Genealogical Record of James Edmonds and his Wife, Cordela Spear," among whose ancestors were certain members of the Olin family, the following is taken:

"About the year 1690, John Olin, aged fourteen, was pressed on board a man-of-war on the coast of Wales. He deserted at Boston, married at Greenwich, Rhode Island, and had one daughter and three sons, John, Henry and Joseph." Also "John Olin came over as cabin boy in 1690, and deserted at Providence, Rhode Island, being fourteen years old. He was

married about 1700. His son John raised four sons, and together with them went to Shaftsbury, Vermont, where he died. Joseph had children and died in Rhode Island."

From one of the older members of the Gideon Olin family this traditional account was obtained: "The first one of the family in this country was a boy of Welsh birth who filled the responsible position of 'powder monkey' on board a man-of-war, he deserted at Providence ran off into the woods and changed his name from Llewellyn to Olin."

From a member of Henry Olin's family, a brother to Ezra Olin, Sr., the following traditional account was received: "John Olin, the first of the name to arrive in this country, was a Welsh boy who had been pressed on board a British war vessel. On the arrival of the vessel in Boston harbor, he was permitted to stroll upon the streets, where he observed a man driving a yoke of oxen hitched to a cart, and never having seen such a strange sight before, he begged permission, which was readily granted, to ride in this odd conveyance. For some unexplained reason his ride into the country was so prolonged that when he did return his vessel had sailed away without him

In a Genealogical Dictionary of New England, by Savage, on page 309 of Volume III, the following record appears: "Olin, Henry, Greenwich, son of John, of the same place, had, it is said—though his wife's name is not seen, nor the date of birth of either—Justin and Caleb, both of whom removed, before the Revolutionary War, to Vermont, and the latter, having seven sons, died in St. Lawrence County, N. Y. Of such infirm material few New England families are compelled to build.

"John, West Greenwich, Rhode Island, said to have come in 1678, in his youth from Wales, had by wife unknown, John Henry, and perhaps Justin and Joseph, but of the last two in the family, generally no account is rendered, nor is the date of marriage or death of father or either of the other sons given.' This may be explained by noticing in other records the *place* where the death of some of them occurred.

From a record now in possession of Mrs. Marsh, of Bennington, Vt., the following was copied. "John Spencer, Senior and his wife, Susannah emigrated from Wales, the names of their

children were: 1st John Spencer, Jr., 2d Michael, 3d Benjamin, 4th William, 5th Robert, 6th Abner, 7th Thomas, 8th Peleg and 9th Susannah, whom married John Olin in 1708.

In an old Bible printed in Edinburgh, Scotland, in 1729, and was owned and taken to Vermont from Rhode Island by the Giles Olin family, the following record appears:

John Olin and *Susanna Pierce* were married in East Greenwich, R. I., on the 8th day of December, A. D. 1734, by John Spencer, Justice.

Phæbe Olin, their eldest daughter, was born on Sunday at 12 o'clock, the 9th day of November, A. D. 1735.

Jonathan Olin, their eldest son, was born on Friday at 3 o'clock in the morning, on the 17th day of June, A. D. 1737.

John Olin, their second son, was born on Sunday at 9 o'clock in the morning, on the first day of July, A. D. 1739, and died the 7th day of April at 4 o'clock in the morn, 1740.

John Olin, their thirdson, was born on Thursday at 10 o'clock in the morn, on the 17th day of September, 1741.

Gideon Olin, their fourth son, was born on Saturday at 4 o'clock in the afternoon, the 22nd day of October, A. D. 1743.

Giles Olin, their fifth son, was born on Saturday at 6 o'clock in the morning, on the 23rd day of March, 1745.

Barbara Olin, their second daughter, was born on Sunday evening, the 4th day of September, A. D. 1741.

That the generations previous to that of Ezra Olin, Sr., may be better classified, and easily understood, the chapters one two and three are introduced, and correspond with those generations in the ancestral line in their respective order.

CHAPTER I.

JOHN OLIN, the first of his name and race in America, settled in the vicinity of East Greenwich, Rhode Island, about the year 1700. He was a native of Wales, and is said to have come to this country when but 14 years of age. We may never become familiar with the circumstances that attended him on his arrival here, or the object that induced him to leave home and native land, and seek one among strangers, in a new and strange country, which at that time was but little known.

Of his personal appearance tradition tells us that "he was of medium stature," and had "red hair." Like the great majority of his posterity, he was a "tiller of the soil." He selected his home near the headwaters of the beautiful Narragansett, and in sight of its surrounding groves and pleasant prospects he lived and reared his family. He was married in East Greenwich, Rhode Island, to SUSANAH SPENCER, October 4, 1708, by Thomas Fry, Justice. She was a daughter of John and Susanah Spencer, who emigrated from Wales. The genealogy of two of their children, John and Henry, come down to us with unvarying accuracy. How many other children they had is not known for a certainty, or that he was ever married more than once.

John Olin the first, died at Newport, Rhode Island, June 10, 1725, aged 61 years, which makes his birth occur in the year 1664.

CHAPTER II.

JOHN^o OLIN, ESQ., son of John Olin 1st, and Susannah Spencer, was born in Rhode Island, in the year 1714.

In the autumn of 1891, when the historian of the Ezra Olin family applied to the town clerk of East Greenwich, for the purpose of searching the old records for any information concerning the Olin family of nearly two hundred years ago, the clerk replied to his request by saying, "You'll have a hard job of it." It was true, however, as these old records required considerable study before becoming familiar with the old forms and peculiar wording.

The first appearance of the Olin name, was found in a record of a "town meeting and day of election for choosing town officers, for the year ensuing, held at court house in East Greenwich, in County of Kent, and the last Tuesday of May, it being the 26th day of said month, 1752." The name of John Olin, Esq., appears in the list of voters which follows.

His name appears with others on the town records to a protest in disposing of some privileges to certain residents of the town, they believing that such a disposition would greatly discommode the inhabitants of said town.

At a town meeting held May 29, 1753, the name of John Olin, Esq., appears on record as voting with others; his name here occurs as an officer, that of overseer of the poor. On May 27, 1755, he was chosen one of the pound keepers.

"County of Kent and Colony of Rhode Island. At a town meeting held in the Court House in East Greenwich, August 29, 1758, Jonathan Olin with others, was admitted a freeman of the town."

"January 28," 1760. "The Town Council Have Nominated, Constituted and Appointed, John Olin, of East Greenwich, aforesaid, yeoman, and Brother-in-law to the said Intestator, whole and sole administrator to, all and singular, the goods, chattels and credits, that did of right belong to the said Benjamin Carpenter, at the time of his death. * * * The above papers were signed and sealed, the 28th day of January, and in the Thirty-third year of the reign of our Sovereign Lord, George the 2nd, King of Great Britian, and so forth.

"Anno Domini 1760."

John Olin, Esq., was married in East Greenwich, R. I., December 8, 1734, to SUSANNAH PIERCE, daughter of Jeremiah Pierce. They live in Rhode Island, where they reared their family, but later in life they removed to Shaftsbury, Vermont, where their four sons were living. The following is the family record of this couple:

1. PHŒBE OLIN, born November 9, 1735.
2. JONATHAN OLIN, ESQ., born June 28, 1737; died January 9, 1826.

Anna Olin, wife of Jonathan Olin, died November 28, 1811, aged 75 years 7 months.

3. JOHN OLIN 1st, born July 1, 1739; died April 7, 1740, aged 9 months.

4. JOHN OLIN 2nd, born September 17, 1741.

5. GIDEON OLIN, born October 22, 1743; died January 21, 1823.

Patience Dwinnell, first wife of Gideon Olin, died January 30, 1801, aged 58 years.

Lydia Pope, second wife of Gideon Olin, was the mother of five children, viz: Benjamin, Esther, Nathaniel, Abram and Job S.

6. GILES OLIN, born March 23, 1745; died September 1, 1835.

Anna Reynolds, wife of Giles Olin, died February 23, 1838, aged 88 years.

7. BARBARA OLIN, born September 4, 1748.

During the struggle for independence some of this family took an active part, and were raised to the rank of officers in the American army. They all lived to see their country free and independent, the forest where the red man so long had roamed, vanish before the ax of the white settler, and peace and prosperity perched on those banners so lately stained with patriot blood.

John Olin, Esq., died January, 1797, aged 83 years.

Susannah Olin, his wife, died February, 1802, aged 87 years.

Their graves were visited by the writer at the time he was in Vermont collecting these items. They are marked by plain marble slabs, and are easily found, as they occupy an open space a little north and east of the old church which stands on the south side of the cemetery at Shaftsbury Center.



CHAPTER III.

JOHN OLIN, the third son of John Olin, Esq., who was born September 17, 1741, was married to Sarah Card, in Rhode Island, about the year 1764.

During the disturbances at the time of the Revolutionary War, many families living near the coast and waterways moved back into the interior of the country to escape the lawlessness of the British soldiery and other unpleasant effects of war, and also to take advantage of the opportunities which the "opening up" of a new country always offered.

John Olin was of that number.

In the autumn of 1775, a few months after the battle of Bunker Hill, he, with his family, left their old home in Rhode Island and sought a new one among the Green Mountains of Vermont.

A description of their journey and incidents connected therewith, to us at the present time, would read like romance; the greater part of it, however, has passed into oblivion, as the tongue once able to tell those tales has long been silent and motionless.

The following scrap of history relating to those ancestors was taken from the lips of Ezra Olin, Jr., who says: "I well remember my grandmother, Sarah Olin. Being unable to stand up to her work she used to sit and spin with the table at her back; she would stretch her arms

as far backward as she could, and when the thread was sufficiently twisted, she would reach it forward again as it was wound upon the spindle and then repeat the operation; in this way she was enabled to do quite a days' work.

"My grand-father was a farmer. In early days he had a little mill which he used to 'tend,' where he ground corn and rye for his neighbors. For a number of years before he died, he was a cripple from rheumatism, and could hardly get about. He had two staves to lean upon and could get along a little by leaning upon them and shuffling his feet ahead, or rather resting on the toes and then sliding one foot about its length ahead of the other. He and his wife lived on a farm a couple of miles east and south of where father lived in Shaftsbury. The last few years of his life his brothers worked and carried on his farm for him."

John and Sarah Olin, were the parents of nine children, as the following shows:

1. PARIS OLIN, was born November 14, 1765. He died in childhood.
2. HANNAH OLIN, was born July 8, 1767; was married to Nathan Green.
3. SIBIL OLIN, born, July 8, 1767, was married to Arvin Bates.
4. SARAH OLIN, born April 7, 1770, married Asa Green.
5. EZRA OLIN, born March 23, 1772, married Ruth Green.
6. PHŒBE OLIN, born July 7, 1774, married Avery Branch.
7. HENRY OLIN, born August 12 1776, married Silence Green. (No relative of Ruth Green's family.)
8. NANCY OLIN, born May 4, 1779, was married in

Shaftsbury, November 8, 1798, to Case Potter, by Jacob Galusha, a brother to the old Governor.

9. JOSEPH OLIN, born June 9, 1781. Married Eunice Fields.

John Olin the third, died September 24, 1821. Age 80 years. Sarah Olin, his wife, died June 12, 1819, in her 74th year.

They too, are buried in the cemetery at Shaftsbury Center, directly north of the church and near the highway, which passes along the west side of the yard.





EZRA OLIN, SR.



CHAPTER IV.

EZRA OLIN, son of John Olin 2nd, was born in Rhode Island, March 23, 1772.

He was three and a half year's old when his parents moved to Vermont, and settled in the town of Shaftsbury. He was nearly five and a half years old when the battle of Bennington was fought, on August 16, 1777, and well remembered hearing the booming of cannon on that memorable day, as it was but a few miles from his home to the battle ground. In order to better realize the spirit of the times in which his childhood was passed, the following is introduced, which is from the pen of one who, in 1825, lived among the old men who fought at Bennington, and heard them, in winter nights and summer evenings, tell over and again the incidents of the times and scenes in which they were *living actors*.

He says: "I remember of hearing them tell, how the old men and women and children, were all gathered at the house of Mr. Fillmore, the grandfather of the late President Fillmore, in the west part of Bennington, at the foot of Mt. Anthony, and sentinels were stationed along from the house of Mr. Fillmore over to the battle ground, with red and white flags as signals.

"If the Americans under Stark were defeated, all at Mr. Fillmore's were to go over the mountain by a road which led to Pownal and then to Berkshire. The sentinels

were to wave the white signal if Gen. Stark was victorious, and the red signal if Col. Baum was victor.

I remember one who was old enough to remember the never-to-be-forgotten incidents of that day told the anxieties, the prayers, the tears, of those who were there assembled, who could hear the cannon roar of the battle, when they saw the white signal wave, then were prayers and thanksgivings and shouts that 'made the welkin ring.' Baum was killed, his forces were prisoners of Stark, and the Indians under him had fled, and the day that was ushered in amidst clouds of doubt and dark despondency was to shed its fitting glory through unborn ages."

There were few opportunities offered in those early days, for obtaining much of an education. The country was not very thickly settled, school-houses were not numerous, and it was considered that only the first principles were actually necessary to be understood; or at least, that was about the extent of education a child then received at school. Were he able to read, write and cipher a little, he considered himself fortunate. Such was about the extent of education Ezra Olin, Sr., obtained, in his youthful days. It was work and hard work that must be done in order to provide the necessities of life; in that mountainous region with its poor and scanty soil, this indeed, was a hard task, and required much patience and close economy. But with a resolute will and an ambitious spirit, inherited in part, no doubt, from his ancestors, he here formed a character, established a name, and built a foundation deep and wide, on which should rest in after years, the honor, dignity and fame of a numerous race.

Previous to his marriage he assisted his father on the farm or "worked out" when opportunity offered.

In the month of March, 1791, he was married to RUTH GREEN, a daughter of Samuel and Ruth Green who were natives of Rhode Island. They were among the number who left "the old home" and went back into Vermont to avoid the "trying scenes" of war, but they had not been in their new home a great while before war's disturbance had reached them there. The Greens were farmers, their home was some three miles from the Green Mountains, and not far distant from the Olin homestead.

The following are the members of Samuel and Ruth Green's family :

MARY GREEN married ROBERT WOOD.

ANNA GREEN married AMOS COON.

LIZZIE GREEN married JOSHUA THURSTON.

BATHANA GREEN married SILAS RAWSON.

RUTH GREEN married EZRA OLIN., SR.

NATHAN GREEN married HANNAH OLIN.

ASA GREEN married SARAH OLIN.

JESSE GREEN married

Their daughter Betsy married Samuel Olin, son of Ezra Olin Sr., for which see his family record.

A son of the above named Mary Green and Robert Wood married Betsy Olin, daughter of Ezra Olin and Ruth Green.

As will be seen this family, and descendants furnished companions in marriage for several members of the Olin family.

Ruth Green was born in Rhode Island, November 10th, 1770. She moved with her parents to Vermont when she was quite young, and there resided when she was married, and soon after they moved on to the old place, some two mile snorth and east of the center of Shaftsbury, which afterward became the home-

stead where her family were all born, with the one exception.

From the town records of Shaftsbury the following was obtained. It is of interest as it shows the price paid for land in those days, also the extent and value of their possessions :

According to date of record the first is one piece containing one acre, ninety rods of land; consideration, £18, 15s. Ezra Olin bought of Ransom Hunt. Dated November 8th, 1796.

2nd. In consideration of £78, lawful money, Ezra Olin buys of Daniel Whitman Justin, a piece of land, containing thirty-one acres. Given December 10th, 1797. Recorded December 14th, 1799.

The next is a small piece containing five rods of land, more or less, deeded to Ezra Olin and Giles Olin; consideration \$2.00. Deed recorded May 17th, 1978. On same day a deed is also recorded for a piece of land, situated in said Shaftsbury, consisting of about one acre of land, more or less; consideration \$16.00. Gideon Olin to Ezra Olin.

On October 24th, 1799, is recorded a deed from which Ezra Olin purchased of John Olin, in the town of Shaftsbury, the whole of the east half of Lot No. 60, together with buildings, except one-half of saw mill standing on same premises; consideration \$500.00.

John Ohio and Ezra Olin bought of John H. Olin and Henry Dwinnell a piece of land, containing twenty-four and one-half acres; consideration \$460.00. Dated March 16th, 1811.

July 24th, 1811, Ezra Olin bought a piece of land of Henry Huntington, containing four and one-half acres; consideration \$70.00.

December 6th, 1823, Ezra Olin bought of John H. Olin fifteen acres and twenty-two rods of land; consideration \$300.00.

This seems to be the amount of his land purchases in Shaftsbury, at least they are all that appear on the records.

On April 1st, 1822, he sold to Whitman Spink, for \$80.00, five acres, 58 rods of land, and then on February 24th, 1824, he sells for \$1,250.00 about one hundred and twenty-five acres of land, more or less, to Nathan Bottom.

This last sale comprised the old homestead, around which clustered so many hallowed associations, and to which in after years an occasional pilgrimage was made by some member of the family, anxious to look once more upon the scenes surrounding their birth-place.

To many of us at the present time, who are accustomed to seeing, and perhaps using, sulky plows, mowing machines and self-binders, it would seem almost an impossibility to plow, sow and harvest over those fields, so stony and rough do they appear. Yet, with much patient toil, those fields—some of them being much too rough and rocky to do anything with—were planted to corn, or sown to rye or flax, and when the harvest-time came the old hand-sickle was brought out, and, only a handful at a time, the grain was gathered into the hand and then cut.

The corn and rye formed the principal part of their living, and from the flax their clothing was almost entirely made.

Besides carrying on his farm work, Ezra Olin, Sr., worked considerable of the time he lived in Shaftsbury in a sawmill which was located something over a mile south from his home; some of the time he worked there

for others, and at other times it seems he had an interest in the mill, either in whole or in part.

After his older boys were large enough to attend to the work of the farm, he devoted more of his time to work in the mill. Hay for his stock was usually obtained by taking meadow land of his neighbors to mow upon shares, his own farm being too rough and rocky to produce much, except a little along the banks of the small stream that meandered through his farm.

How interesting would it be could a picture be produced here of that old valley home of nearly a hundred years ago as it nestled among the hills and mountains of the old Green Mountain State!

Shaftsbury is located near the southwest corner of the state; but two townships, Bennington and Pownal, lying south, and New York State bounding it on the west. A ridge of the Green Mountains extends along the east side of the township, while another ridge called the West Mountains seems to rise near the southwest corner of it and run nearly parallel with the Green Mountains, leaving a somewhat level strip of about half a mile wide, near the center of the town, along which the highway extends.

After passing north of the little hamlet at the Center, a half mile or more, a little lane is discovered opening off to the right; following this a short distance the brow of the hill or bluff is reached. Now, since the timber has been cut off, the old road can be plainly seen as it winds along down over the rocky soil, turning here and there from a direct course to avoid this huge old chestnut tree or that mossy boulder which for ages has maintained its position, regardless of men or the changes of time.

At the foot of this steep descent, there the little creek still flows as it did long years ago, a few rods in

front of where the "old house" used to stand; stepping across its narrow border, we clamber over an old ragged fence, and then a few steps brings us to the old well; yes, the very same well, its water still as clear and sweet as when with the old fashioned well-sweep and "iron-bound bucket," John, Samuel, Betsy, Arvin and all the rest used to draw from its depths the clear and sparkling water with which to slake their childish thirst or bathe those youthful brows, around which we have since seen the frosts of age gather, and over some the chill dews of death silently creeping. A few steps further on and we come to the spot on the side of a sharprise of ground where the old house stood, only a few of its decaying timbers can now be seen.

Some fifteen years ago what was then left of the house was torn down, taken away and used in sap-boiling or sugar-making, but the excavation for the basement is very plain, it being some four or five feet in depth.

As I stood beside that hallowed spot, my thoughts wandered back to a time when I imagined I could see happy children again playing upon those hillsides or climbing yon mountain for the gum half concealed within the bark of the stately spruce, or perhaps racing along the old orchard for the fairest apples, or wading in the little brook that ripples along just through the fence there, or playing their favorite game of "gool" as they called it then, claiming this or that old giant rock which lies half buried in the ground, their "gool" or "home." Oh, happy childhood! ye long since have passed. Youth with its bright hopes—stern manhood and womanhood with its responsibilities and cares—old age with its ripened fruit and golden harvest days have passed in rapid succession off life's active stage, till now, alas! but

two of those dwellers of that humble home remain to link the *present* to the distant *past*.

Standing beside the old cellar bank and looking along up the hill northward, one would discover the place where the old orchard stood; now only one old gnarled and twisted tree is seen, its branches are dying and falling to the ground. That open field up there by the side of the orchard and all north of the house is the "old rye lot;" it being sufficiently free from rock was often cultivated on that account; but with little exertion a nimble person could pass from one side of the field to the other by stepping from one stone to another.

The barn stood a little south from the house; nothing scarcely now remains to mark the spot.

In order to reach school it was necessary for the little folks to follow the winding road back up the hills through the woods (then) until they came out on the highway, then turn their steps southward till they came to the schoolhouse at the Center. The old house has long since given way to a better one. Yet the same old doorstone still does duty at the entrance of the new house.

The old dwelling house, as before mentioned, was built on the side of one of those sloping ridges which seem to fill up the irregular spaces in the valley between those mountain ranges.

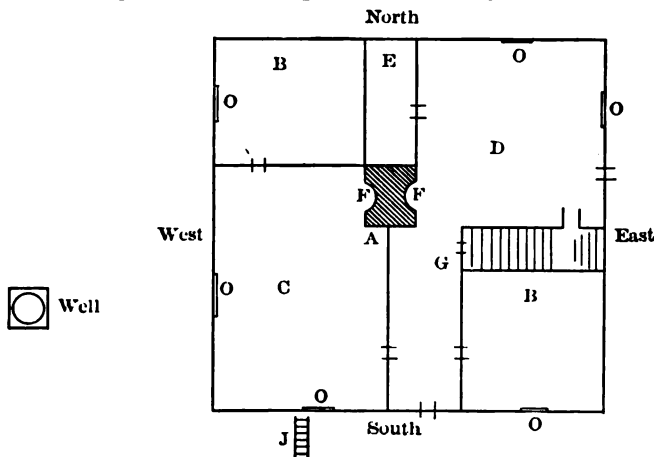
In the plan or building of the house an excavation was first made into a steep point of the hill from the south side. This was for the cellar or basement room, which was directly under the sitting-room above, which occupied the southwest part of the building. The large chimney was built up through the centre of the house, with a fireplace in the west side of it, which opened into the sitting-room, and another on the east side opening

into the kitchen, which occupied the northeast part of the house. There was also a fireplace in the basement room.

In the southeast part of the house was a bedroom known among the children as "mother's room;" on the north side of which were stairs going into chamber, and underneath were stairs to cellar.

The space between the chimney and north side of the house on one side, and bedroom and kitchen on the other, was the pantry which was small and dark, being of the same width as chimney and lighted only by the door opening into it. In the northwest corner of the house was another bedroom with door opening from sitting-room. The chamber was frequently used as a sleeping room by members of the family and sometimes the sitting-room was also used for that purpose. The old bake-oven was located beneath, and was entered from basement-room.

For description, see diagram with explanation.



PLAN OF HOUSE IN SHAFTSBURY.

EXPLANATIONS:--A is chimney; B, bedrooms; C, sitting-room; D, kitchen; E, pantry; F, fireplaces; G, stairs to chamber; H, cellar stairway; --, for doors; O, for windows; --, stairs to basement.

The above was obtained from Ezra Olin, Jr., who lived in the old house until he was nineteen years old. He says they were supplied with chairs but they were not cane-seated ones. As to the size of the house, he thought it was perhaps 26 by 30 feet, a portion of which was ceiled up, but not overhead. No lath or plaster was used.

It was no uncommon occurrence for fierce storms to sweep over those mountains and through the valleys in winter. I remember in my childhood of hearing my mother tell of one in particular which occurred when she was but seven years old, yet the impression it made upon her young mind, from its terrible effects were vivid and lasting.

February 17, 1819, before the break of day, many of the inhabitants of the valley were aroused by a terrible roaring and commotion in the atmosphere caused by a fierce storm that was raging on the mountains. Nearer and nearer it came settling down till shortly after daylight it broke upon the valley in all its fury. Flying snow filled and darkened the air; the fierce howling of the wind in its mad sweep onward, or its dismal moaning among the pines on the mountain side; the lowing of the cattle with other sounds of distress all tended to make a lasting impression in the minds of that group of little children as they crowded in one corner of the cellar, and fearing that at any moment the house would go to pieces from over their heads.

It seemed almost impossible to keep the door closed against the heavy pressure from without, until a long plank was secured, one end of which was placed against the door and the other end against the chimney, near the center of the house.

About eleven o'clock part of the roof was swept off the barn, leaving the horses exposed; but they must not

be left to perish; so during a lull in the storm the father and one of the older boys ran to the barn, unfastened and led them into the cellar, where in their corner the little children were huddled in the darkness and cold, as but little fire was permitted, it being feared that it might be another means of destroying the house at such a fearful time. By middle of afternoon the storm had spent its fury, and gradually subsided. One of the boys—Paris—was sent on horseback over to his grandfather's, who lived but a couple of miles distant, to see if they were safe.

In repeating this story to the writer, Paris said that the snow was drifted and packed that solid by the force of the wind that he had no difficulty in riding over fences and walls on the drifted snow, it bearing up horse and rider with ease.

The winter following the "big storm" Ezra Olin, Sr., was engaged in getting out saw logs, as many large pine trees had been blown down at the time of the storm. Six hundred logs were hauled into the mill and two hundred taken to North Bennington, about five miles distant. His sons, Ezra and Philip, drove the teams.

Paris said, in speaking of their work that winter, that it was necessary that they get up *pretty early* in the morning in order to accomplish their usual day's work.

The last summer that Ezra Olin passed in Shaftsbury he was engaged in clearing off a piece of land, the wood from which was cut and made into charcoal. About ten thousand bushels were thus made. His son Paris' work that year, after the first of July, was to haul six thousand bushels of the coal to market, some eleven miles distant. Some days he made two trips a day, thus being obliged to make forty-four miles' travel.

Immediately after he sold his farm. In February, 1824, he started with his team for Perry, New York, where

six of his sons had preceded him and were busily engaged in clearing up homes of their own.

The mother with four of the younger children were left to follow later on. So in the month of June following, after taking a farewell look at those familiar scenes, one more look at their humble home in the valley, one more hand-clasp with those friends they were then leaving, that little band started forth on their journey, some of them never again to return.

At Albany they took passage on a canal-boat for Rochester, where they arrived in due time.

It was expected that the mother and her three girls would remain there while her son Truman should proceed on foot to Perry for the father's team and return for those left, but the mother, feeling that time and expense might be saved by making at least part of the remaining distance on foot, started out with her little band and proceeded toward Perry, some forty miles distant, and before night of the second day reached their friends there, who were much surprised at their sudden and unexpected appearance.

One of the children, Mary Ann, had been left on the way, preferring to remain until her father's team should necessarily return to Rochester for the things left there. Two weeks later, when it did return, she was discovered standing in the road looking with watching eyes and anxious heart for the coming of father's team.

After becoming settled in his new home in Perry, the work began of clearing up his farm and making it a pleasant home. Here his land was very unlike that of Vermont, where it was so rough and rocky, and the soil so thin and light; here it was rich and situated in one of the loveliest valleys of the State. Certainly a wise choice had been made.

In the season of 1825 he with the help of his son Paris and two others cleared thirty acres of his land and sowed it to wheat in the fall. The following year an unusual sight was witnessed in reaping the wheat, which was done with the old-fashioned hand sickle; the father took the lead followed by his nine sons, the oldest son following and so on to the youngest. It is safe to say that they were not many days reaping the field.

He continued the clearing and cultivation of his farm as long as he was able to work.

One by one his children had married and gone to seek homes of their own till the last one, Mary Ann, too, had gone and they were thus left alone again.

For several years the mother, Ruth Olin, was afflicted with that dread disease known as the "old-fashioned lingering consumption."

Many of the older cousins still remember her as they used to visit her in her home in Perry. A rather small, spare woman, upon her shoulders she usually wore a little shawl, and as she moved about performing her household duties, it is said she bore a strong resemblance to her daughter, Ruth Stratton. It is also said that never in her long life did she ever once see her children all assembled at one time; *this* one or *that* one would be absent until death in his first visit broke the family circle and Philip was summoned to cross that mystic stream.

As disease weakened her vital energies so the lamp of life burned dimmer and dimmer until its flame was extinguished. It can well be said of her, who had been such a true and faithful wife for over fifty-six years, the mother of fourteen children, all of whom she had seen grow to manhood and womanhood and settle in homes of their own; she who had done so much for her family, underwent so many privations, had toiled early and late

in her unselfish devotion, that she had richly earned the well-merited tribute of "well done, thou good and faithful servant." May 19, 1847, she died at her home in Perry, N. Y., and was buried in the cemetery at the Center.

The year following Ezra Olin was again married, the second union being with a Mrs. Booth, of Orangeville, same county. He lived with her some seven years, when he was again left companionless. After the death of his second wife his home was with his children until his own death, which occurred about two years afterward. At that time he was living his son Heman. In the morning of the day on which he was taken sick he seemed feeling unusually well and entertained in various ways some young people who had called in to see him. A few hours after paralysis laid its heavy hand upon him, and ere the week had passed that muscular frame and iron constitution which had bid defiance to time and storms of over four score years, yielded at last to superior force, nature's immutable law.

In the cemetery at Perry Center a large marble monument bears this inscription, "Ezra Olin, Died November 5th. 1858, Aged 86 years, 7 months, 12 days.

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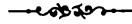
JOHN OWEN.



MARIAH SMITH-OLIN.



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Families and Descendants
OF THE
JOHN OLIN BRANCH.



JOHN OLIN, the oldest of Ezra and Ruth Olin's family, was born in Shaftsbury, Vermont, January 29, 1792. His childhood and youth were passed amid the scenes that surrounded his birth place. As his father's home was his home, he early became accustomed to life on the farm. But meeting with a serious accident when he was quite young might have been the means of changing any plans for the future, which before he had looked upon with favor. One day having climbed into a cherry tree for some purpose, he fell, and striking upon his head, received a very severe, and for some time, supposed to be fatal wound. It was a long time before he recovered, and its effects may have always remained. Yet his temperate habits and naturally vigorous constitution in time restored him to a good degree of health and strength.

He obtained at the district school a fair education for the time, to which may be added a good stock of natural ability, an observing and inquiring mind, which

in after years made him possessor of a knowledge and understanding above the average of men.

When he was about sixteen years old, he left home to learn the trade of tanner and currier, which in those days was a flourishing trade, and carried on in a far different manner from that at present.

After learning his trade, he worked at it in Shaftsbury a few years, and in doing so, acquired some means. As he was carrying on his business there, the report frequently reached him of the wonderful fertility of the new country to the westward, and of the many other advantages that could there be secured. Many settlers even then were pressing forward to secure farms in that beautiful country, where good land could be had for only a small sum per acre.

Finally learning that a cousin and two of his friends were about starting on a prospecting tour, he decided at once to join them, and thus he became the pioneer or first of the Olin family to enter and possess a portion of that famed "Genesee Country."

His first purchase consisted of about thirty-five acres of land, which he bought of those who had purchased it of General Wadsworth, of Revolutionary fame. On this land, which is located in the township of Perry, were some improvements, among others a tannery, where he worked at his trade for several years.

After he had his business nicely running and with bright prospects before him, he thought it would be well to take a partner who could look after certain interests, to which he could not well give his attention, consequently this record is inserted here :

Married at the home of the bride's parents, in Perry, New York, on June —, 1818, John Olin, to MARIAH D. SMITH.

She was born in Chenango County, New York, Oct. 26, 1797, and was the oldest of a family of nine children.

She was about ten years old when her parents moved to Perry, where they lived on a farm a few years. The father then sold out, with the intention of going farther West; but the family wishing to remain, he finally settled on a farm near by, where he lived until after the marriage of his daughter Mariah.

When she first came to Perry, about 1807, there were very few inhabitants in that region, only now and then a settler. On the north of them it was eleven miles to any place of settlement.

About that time, an uncle of hers, when about to raise the frame of a barn, found that his help consisted of but nine men, the rest being women; yet the barn was raised just the same.

In speaking of those times, Mrs. Olin said it was the custom then, when a building was to be raised, to have plenty of liquor furnished, otherwise it was thought impossible for the work to go on, but when their house was raised, in June, 1827, a new order was introduced. No liquor ever having been used in her family, save in case of sickness, it could not on that occasion be brought on to the premises. The carpenter urged that a bottle of liquor be procured and laid aside to be used in case the work should not proceed. But, no; as it was to be a test case, no compromise should be allowed. As a result temperance prevailed, and it was said to be the first building raised in that vicinity on the cold-water plan. When the work was done a nice supper awaited the workmen, who seemed well satisfied with the change inaugurated.

Again, in speaking of those early times, she said that soon after her father came to Perry, one of his neighbors employed a man to help him with his work. One

day, toward night, this man concluded to return to his home, which was a few miles away. Her father and neighbors opposed his going at that time of day, fearing he might be molested by some of the wild animals, which were then quite plentiful. He still persisted, and finally started out, with the understanding that he was to use his voice in case he needed help. He had not been gone long, however, before he was heard making a loud outcry for assistance. Upon hearing the rather expected signal, the men caught up their guns and hurrying on found the man up in a small tree, just out the reach of an old bear with her five cubs. The old one was soon dispatched, when the cubs took to a tree; two of them were killed, the others were captured and carried back in triumph.

After remaining several years on the place he first purchased, John Olin sold out, and made a prospecting trip westward, with his brothers Arvin and Philip, into the Maumee country of Northwestern Ohio, and then on into portions of Illinois. But not being suited in the West, he soon returned to Perry and bought three-quarters of an acre of land on the four corners opposite his first purchase, and there erected a new tannery.

He did not carry on the business in his new tannery a great while himself, but rented it and received a share of its proceeds.

In his business relations he had been successful, so that he was able to purchase a farm of one hundred acres near by. This he also rented, but sold it after two years.

When his brother Samuel moved to Ohio in 1839, he moved into the house he vacated, having purchased the farm of 174 acres. From that time on his main business was the overseeing and carrying on of his farm.

In his natural bearing among men, it might be said

that there was manifest a kind of dignified reserve, which to one not well acquainted with him, would say he was unsociable and distant, but upon closer acquaintance, he was better appreciated. Those who knew him best loved him most. His conversation was of an entertaining and instructive nature, and when disposed he could give a joke that was clear-cut and sharp.

He was not a member of any church, yet he lived the life of a consistent Christian, and thus expressed by his daily life and character a firm belief in a higher and better life beyond. His long life of nearly four-score years was brought to a close on the fourth day of October, 1870. In the cemetery at Perry Center, where lie buried his father and mother, he too was laid.

His aged companion, who walked by his side over fifty-two years, at this writing, is still living, though considerably past the age of four-score-and-ten years. Her home for some time has been with her daughter in Freeport, Illinois.

John and Maria Olin were the parents of seven children.—

1st. EMILY OLIN was born in Perry, Wyoming County, New York, March 15th, 1819. During the time she was permitted to attend school she employed her time so diligently that when she was fifteen years old she taught a summer term of school in the town of Orangeville, and afterward about two terms more. She was housekeeper for her brother Calvin one year before he was married, while he lived on his farm on "Squawky Hill" in Leicester Township.

On March 12th, 1861, she was married in Perry to Rev. A. S. Kneeland, a Baptist minister, who for many years has been actively engaged in the work. At the time of her marriage her husband had a family of three children, the youngest less than two years old.

The responsible position of mother, and care that must of necessity be given to her family, she filled with fidelity and gave with unflinching devotion. She was kind to those motherless children, and took great interest in their welfare; and with much self-denial on her part assisted them in obtaining an education. For several years before her death she labored under great difficulty in getting about her home, and then it was only accomplished by the aid of crutch and cane, being brought to a crippled condition by the effects of abscesses.

Her death occurred February 21, 1885, at Belfast, Alleghany County, N. Y., where she is buried. She was an earnest Christian and a devoted member of the Baptist church for more than forty years, and died greatly lamented, as she was much loved by the members of her church and all who knew her.

2nd. JAMES OLIN was born in Perry, N. Y., September 18, 1821. During his earlier years he obtained a fair education at the district school. While he remained at home he was accustomed to labor on the farm, that being the principal work engaging his attention. When he was about twenty-two years old he purchased a farm of over one hundred acres in the north part of Perry, which he was engaged in working when he was taken with scarlet fever, which soon after caused his death. The family living on his place had lost a child from the same fever a short time before, and it is supposed that from it he took the disease, from which he died May 19th, 1844. He was buried in the cemetery at Perry Center.

3rd. LOUISA J. OLIN was born June 12th, 1825, in Perry, N. Y. She lived at home during her childhood and youth, except the time she was away attending

school. She attended the district school near her home, beside two winters' attendance at select school in Perry village. Although her education at school was somewhat limited yet she graduated in a knowledge of spinning wool and flax, which labor occupied so much of her time and attention in former years, as much of their own bedding besides the full cloth she helped to make. On August 22nd, 1844, she was married at her father's home in Perry to Alfred J. Moss, who was born April 4th, 1821, in Perry, N. Y. He was brought up on the farm. Besides attending the district school, he was a pupil at Huntington Academy at Perry Center.

After their marriage, he was engaged in working his father's farm in Perry until he bought a farm of one hundred acres in the same township on which they lived, and worked three years, then sold and bought a place on "Squawky Hill," which he owned sixteen years. Ten years of this time, however, he lived on his father's farm at Perry Center.

After selling his second place he removed to Mount Morris, where they have ever since resided. Besides their nice home in town, he owns a place of sixty-five acres a few miles out, which at present he carries on himself.

They have had five children.

1st. CELIA A. MOSS was born in Perry, October 22, 1845. She died November 15th, 1861, while her parents were living at Perry Center, and there she was buried.

2nd. EMILY E. MOSS was born July 17th, 1848, in Perry, Wyoming County, New York. She attended the common schools, Mt. Morris Academy, and graduated at Satterlee's Collegiate Institute, in Rochester, in 1869. She also spent much time in acquiring a good knowledge of music, both vocal and instrumental.

In the autumn of 1869 she became preceptress of Naples Academy.

She was married at her father's home in Mt. Morris on February 23rd, 1871, to EDWARD P. BABCOCK, who was born September 14th, 1840, in Prattsburg, Steuben County, New York.

He was educated in the common schools, Franklin Academy of Prattsburg, New York, and the University of Rochester. He chose the profession of law and was admitted to the bar in 1863, and engaged in the practice of his profession in Naples, Ontario County, New York. In the fall of 1879 he was elected surrogate of his county by an unusually large majority. He then removed with his family to Canandaigua, the county seat, to enter upon the discharge of his official duties. His decisions upon some of the difficult questions which came up before him in his court, involving the interpretation of the law, and other legal points, were received with evident satisfaction by the higher courts as they spoke in flattering terms of opinions delivered by him.

His official term as surrogate ended December 31st, 1885. In the fall of that year he was elected to the State Legislature, and re-elected in the fall of 1886. While there he served on important committees, as the Judiciary, Public Education, General Laws, Claims, Federal Relations, &c. After his term as Surrogate ended he returned with his family to Naples, where he is now engaged in the practice of law. They have three children.

1. F. LOUISE BABCOCK was born February 3rd, 1872, in Mount Morris, New York. She has lately finished her course at the academy at Naples, where she graduated in 1890.

2. JOHN C. BABCOCK was born in Naples, Ontario

County, April 16, 1875. He is now in attendance at Naples Academy pursuing the course of studies prescribed for graduation.

3. EDWARD M. BABCOCK was born in Naples, New York, January 29th, 1886. Though but five years of age, his father has already warned him of the danger of the politician, yet he cheers very lustily over his stump speeches, and expresses the fear that he will have to be a lawyer," but will try hard to be a minister.

3. JAMES N. MOSS was born in Leicester, New York, May 19th, 1850. He died in Leicester, December 19th, 1850. He was buried in Perry Center cemetery.

4. BYRON J. MOSS was born in Leicester, Livingston County, N. Y., February 10th, 1853. His early days were passed in Wyoming and Livingston counties. He attended the common schools, and then the High School at Mount Morris. In 1872 and 1873 he prepared for college at the Academy in Elmira, New York. He then attended the Collegiate Institute at Rochester, from which he graduated in 1873. The same year he entered the University of Rochester, and in 1875 went to the University of Syracuse, New York, where he finished his studies in the classical course.

After leaving college he entered upon the study of law with the firm of Jeffers & Baker of Rochester, New York. While pursuing his studies he took more or less interest in politics. In 1879 he was appointed clerk for three important committees in the State Legislature. After finishing his labors there he returned to Rochester and associated himself with the law firm he had before been connected with, until 1885, when he was

appointed Deputy County Clerk of Monroe County, which position he still holds.

5. ESTHER L. MOSS was born April 2nd, 1860, at Perry Center, New York. She was about five years old when her parents moved to Mount Morris, which place was her home until her marriage. She attended the academy and Lady Jane Grey Seminary, and then spent three years at Ingham University, the last year being devoted to music and art. She continued her vocal lessons in Rochester under Professor Appy, singing in church and often in concert until she was married. She was married at her fathers's home in Mount Morris, October 17th, 1883, to JOHN T. ROBERTS, who was born at Haverstraw on the Hudson, October 31st, 1856.

In 1862 he went to New York city to live. After obtaining an education he was connected four years with a prominent law firm. Later he was connected with an importing house. In 1878 he became associated with the "Huyler Confectionery Company" in New York, of which he has been a director for a number of years. He opened and managed the Rochester and Buffalo branches for nearly ten years. In 1889 he went to Chicago and established a branch there, of which he is now manager, and where they also reside. They have two children.

JOHN T. ROBERTS, Jr., was born in Rochester, New York, October 29, 1884.

ALFRED MOSS ROBERTS was born August 25th, 1886, in Rochester, New York.



4th. CALVIN B. OLIN was born March 22nd, 1828, in Perry, Wyoming County, New York, in a building occupied by the family as a home and tannery, where he

grew up to about eleven years of age, grinding bark, falling into vats, &c.

His father then purchased his brother Samuel's farm and then his life as a farmer began ; going to school winters and working the rest of the season on the farm, until he was about nineteen years of age, then went some two or three winters to Middlebury Academy. Taught school one term. When he was twenty-one he bought a farm on Squawky Hill, Livingston County, his sister Emily keeping house for him the first year he was on his farm. He was married to CAROLINE DOANE in Moscow, Livingston County, New York, April 15th, 1851. She was born March 19th, 1828, in Shaftsbury, Vermont. Her parents moved to White Creek and from there to Lagrange in Wyoming County.

After their marriage they returned to the farm where they resided five years, then decided to "go West," stopping at Madison, Wisconsin, a year or so, then went to Baraboo, same State, and remained about six years, most of the time in the grocery business. Then wishing to be on a farm again, removed to Michigan. Crossing the lake from Milwaukee, he purchased a farm some three miles and a half north of Galesburg, Michigan, which he afterward sold, and bought another in the north part of Comstock, on which he lived for a time then sold. Was in Michigan about six years ; had the ague the most of the time for two years while there, which he considered even worse than farming. After selling his farm he returned to Wisconsin, and located in Edgerton, Rock County, and engaged in the milling business, in which he was very successful until the flood came and swept away the dam, which he rebuilt, but considering there was too much risk in its permanence, and desiring a milder climate, he sold out and went to Kansas, after staying six years in Edgerton.

He located at Ottawa, Franklin County, and resumed his favorite occupation of farming, all going well until grasshoppers appeared in 1872, and destroyed all crops. He had in the meantime invested in the book and stationery business with his son Hiram managing for him, but he being desirous of entering school, assumed control himself, and after a year or two his health suffering from the confinement, he disposed of his interest there and resumed out-door work by entering into the small fruit business. About that time his sons being of age, entered into business for themselves, his daughter married and gone, he and his wife were thus left alone, until the morning of November 24th, 1884, when she suddenly, and without a moment's warning, dropped dead as she was engaged in her household duties.

Her remains were laid in the cemetery at Ottawa; yet the memory of her many virtues, her pleasant, winning ways, her faithful companionship, all remained; which tended to make more desolate the home she had so suddenly vacated.

Being now left entirely alone and greatly discouraged, he decided to sell out and engage for a time in traveling. He, therefore, after having remained in Ottawa fifteen years, left in the summer of 1885, visited Exposition at New Orleans, then went to City of Mexico, and thence to California, where he was so pleased with the country that he remained the greater part of the year; then went to El Paso, Texas, where his daughter was living. Returning to Ottawa, settled up his business there, then returned to California, where for the past five years, he has made his home at Pomona, where beneath, his own vine and orange tree, he declares there is no other locality that can compare with it. He is engaged in fruit culture, that of oranges receiving a good share of his attention.

They have had four children.

1. WILLIAM R. OLIN was born on the farm, on Squawky Hill, Wyoming County, New York. He remained with his father in the different places in which he made his home, until after he moved to Ottawa, Kan. In 1884 he went to Denver, Colorado, where he engaged in work and finally secured the position as collector for a large firm there, receiving eighteen dollars per week. Was living there in 1887.

2. HIRAM B. OLIN was born at Squawky Hill, New York, December 24th, 1852. Remained with his father until he was about twenty years old, then engaged with his father in book and stationery store in Ottawa, Kan., until he resigned business and entered school. He graduated from the University of Rochester with the class of 1879. Entered railway service at Kansas City in 1881, continued in service there, in Denver, and in San Francisco, until July, 1885, then returned to Rochester, N. Y., and engaged as bookkeeper for Munn, Austice & Co., foundrymen. He has been interested in establishing business for the manufacturing and selling of his Patent Automatic Gate for elevators. Was married in Rochester, N. Y., February 17th, 1880, to CLARA S. CARTER, who was born in Rochester, Feb. 17th, 1861.

3. ADELAIDE S. OLIN, born February 24th, 1854, died ———.

4. ALICE M. OLIN was born February 3d, 1855, at Squawky Hill, near Perry, Wyoming county, N. Y. Was with her parents in their different places of residence until they settled in Ottawa, Kan. She attended

school in Kalamazoo, when her parents lived in Comstock, Mich. Also attended the Ottawa Baptist University. Was married in Ottawa, Kansas, September 29th, 1877, to CALVIN ESTERLY, who was born near Youngstown, Ohio, June 23, 1852. Lived on the farm and attended the village school until 1867, then for two seasons attended Poland Academy. In 1868 moved with his parents to Ottawa, Kan., where he was engaged about four years teaching country schools, and some two years the city schools. During the same time was preparing for college at Ottawa University. Was appointed cadet to West Point Military Academy in May, 1873. Graduated there in 1877. After their marriage they proceeded to Fort Concho, Texas, to join his Cavalry company stationed there. After a stay of six months, he was sent to Fort Stockton, Texas, some four hundred miles then from railroad points. Various changes took place during their six years' experience in the Army, but he finally resigned his commission and returned to Ottawa, his boyhood's home, and was offered the superintendency of the public schools there, which he accepted and held for two years, then resigned to accept same position in schools of El Paso, Texas, where he was engaged six years. In July, 1890, he accepted the Presidency of Los Angeles University in California, and soon after entered upon his duties, his wife being Matron of the same. They have two children.—

CALVIN OLIN ESTERLY, born at Fort Stockton, Texas, August 1st, 1879.

WARD B. ESTERLY, born at Ottawa, Kansas, October 7th, 1883.

C. B. Olin was again married December 29th, 1887, in Pomona, California, to Mrs. Burbank, whose husband was killed during the war. She was born at Rochester,

New Hampshire. Her maiden name was Sylvia S. Downing. After her husband's death, she lived eleven years in Chicago, and then went to Pomona, Cal., where she became acquainted with her present husband.



5. WILLIAM OLIN was born in Perry, Wyoming county, New York, Dec. 22, 1830. His earliest recollections were associated with scenes and incidents connected with the farm. Upon the farm he was reared and early received instructions in the planning, management, and usual routine practiced and carried on by farmers in the management of this important industry. While he lived at home with his father he received the advantages of a good education; besides attending the district school, he was an attendant at Middlebury Academy some eight terms.

When he became of age he hired out to his father, to work on the farm one summer, receiving therefor eleven dollars per month. When he was twenty-two he made his first purchase of land, which consisted of one hundred and eighty acres; it being the same farm his father had purchased of his brother Samuel, when he sold out in Perry and removed to Ohio. At the time of making the purchase he said, "he had but nine hundred dollars to pay down, leaving a debt of nine thousand dollars unpaid." But with perseverance and determination, he says, "he has seen that large debt gradually diminish until the last of it vanished." The management of his farm has received his principal attention ever since he purchased it.

He was married to CELESTINE U. RUDES, September 12, 1861, at the home of her father, in Castile, N. Y. She was born June 12th, 1842, in the same house in

Perry as that in which her husband was born. She was the mother of two children :

MARIETTA C. OLIN was born in Perry, New York, September 1, 1862. Her life has been almost entirely passed very near the place of her birth. While living at her father's home she received good educational advantages, which included instruction in music and painting, of which her home bears evidence, as its walls are decorated with pictures painted by her own skilled hand. On February 25th, 1886, she was married at her father's home in Perry, to Elbert C. Huntington, who was born in Perry, N. Y., March 18, 1862. He was brought up on the farm and has chosen farming as his occupation. Was educated at the district school, with two years' attendance at Perry village and four terms at the Normal in Geneseo. After beginning business for himself he purchased, in the spring of 1886, a farm of eighty-nine acres, near Perry Center. The carrying on of his farm has occupied his attention ever since. They have one son :

JOHN E. HUNTINGTON was born in Perry, Wyoming county, New York, Feb. 3, 1887.

2. JOHN WALTER OLIN, son of William and Celestine Olin, was born in Perry, New York, December 11th, 1864. His life on the farm was passed in about the same manner as that of the majority of farmer boys. When he attained his majority his father assisted him in the purchase of a farm of eighty-nine acres near by, in Perry. This he kept about three years, then sold it and engaged in the grocery trade, but being inexperienced in that line of business and also unfortunate in his selection of a partner who did not hesitate to take advantage of his inexperience, his venture did not prove a success, and he soon closed out.

April 23, 1890, he was married to FLORENCE E. CALKINS, who was born December 17th, 1868, in Perry Village, New York. She thinks that in her uneventful life there is nothing worthy of record. Since their marriage he has purchased part of his father's farm and is now living in a house belonging to his father, which is near by.

Mrs. Celestine Olin died May 18th, 1883, and is buried in the cemetery at Perry village.

William Olin was married the second time Oct. 28th, 1883, to SARAH DUFEE, who was born in Wyoming, Wyoming county, N. Y., July 9th, 1851. She was the oldest of a family of four children. Her father was a native of Fall River, Mass., and went into Western New York and settled in the Wyoming valley, which place was his daughter's home until her marriage. She has had three children :

ERNEST DUFEE OLIN, born October 11, 1884, in Perry, Wyoming county, N. Y.

ORLANDO V. OLIN, born April 25, 1887, in Perry, N. Y.

MEADE B. OLIN, born in Perry, June 25, 1889, died August 7, 1889, buried in Perry Village cemetery.



ANNA M. OLIN was born in Perry, Wyoming Co., Y. Y., December 30, 1833. Her early life was not especially eventful, and was passed in her father's home, where she grew up with a special fondness for school. She had a father who encouraged her every effort. At her earnest request, was allowed the privilege of private school at home, and afterward that of Academy and Seminary abroad. She attended Middlebury Academy two or three years, then taught school for a time ; was

then a student in Seminary at Albion, N. Y., and later at Franklin Institute at Rochester, where she graduated in 1857. She was married in Perry, N. Y., February 2, 1859, to JOSEPH MEADE BAILEY, whom she first met at Middlebury Academy, where they were both attending students at the time. He was born in Middlebury, New York, June 22, 1833. Besides being a student, he was also a teacher in the Institution at Middlebury, before returning to Rochester University, where he graduated in 1854 with the degree of A. B., and in 1857 was given the degree of A. M. Directly after his graduation he entered the law office of E. A. Hopkins, one of the most eminent attorneys in Rochester, and in 1855 was admitted to the Bar, having passed a very strict examination by the Supreme Court of New York. In 1857, two years before his marriage, he went to Freeport, Illinois, which place has been his chosen home ever since. For several years he was the senior member of the firm of Bailey & Neff, and left his partner only to become Circuit Judge in 1877. Before that, however, he was a member of the State Legislature for two years and while there was credited with introducing many important measures, and effecting the passage of some important bills, which had been trembling in the balance as it were. In 1876 he was Presidential Elector, casting one of the 185 votes which elected R. B. Hayes President. In 1879 he received the degree of LL. D. from both Rochester and Chicago Universities. From the Circuit Court he was promoted to the Appellate Court of Illinois, and from that Court advanced to the Supreme Court of the State three years ago. In addition to his work as Supreme Judge, he is President of an Evening College of Law in Chicago, which has lately become part of Lake Forest University. He is greatly interested in educational matters, being one of the trustees

of the newly-planned University of Chicago, which bids fair to occupy a position among the first of its kind in the land, if not in the world.

Thus we find his time fully occupied; and when permitted to return to his home for a brief time, it seems to his family more like the visit of a guest than that of husband and father. His continued absence on business engagements, leaves, from necessity, the full responsibility and management of their large and beautiful home to be borne by his wife, who, with the usual domestic cares, added to that of church work, in which she is greatly interested, and necessarily receives attention, besides the demand the public expects of her time, leaves her but very few leisure moments.

They have had five children :

CHARLES OLIN BAILEY was born in Freeport, Ill., July 2, 1860, where he resided with his parents until he was sixteen years of age, then entered Rochester University, graduating four years later. He soon began the study of law, and was in the employ of the Chicago and North-Western Railroad company in Chicago. After two years in that service, his brother having located in the West and desiring that he should join him there, he then obtained the position of attorney of a railroad running into Sioux Falls, South Dakota, where he made his home, and was afterward elected District Attorney, under the Territorial laws, and held his office until the Territory was admitted as a State. Since then his extensive practice occupies his entire time and attention. He was married in Chicago, Ill., March 28, 1887, to MARY S. SWAN. She is the daughter of George W. and Elida A. (Wilson) Marklee. On her father's side he is of mixed German and Puritan ancestry. On her mother's side she is a descendant of the Earls of Lanesborough, and a connection by marriage of Lord Chief

Justice Cockburn of England. Losing her father early in her life, she removed with her mother to Chicago. Her mother having remarried, she adopted the name of her step-father, Mr. Theodore F. Swan of Chicago. She was educated in the public schools of Chicago and finished her education at St. Xavier's Convent in Chicago. Her marriage took place at her father's residence. They have two children :

THEODORE MEADE BAILEY, born at Sioux Falls, Dakota, January 14, 1888.

CHARLES OLIN BAILEY, JR., born at Sioux Falls, South Dakota, April 19, 1890.

WALLACE BAILEY, son of J. M. and Anna M. Bailey, was born in Freeport, Ill., February 26, 1863; died September 19, 1863; buried in Freeport.

JOSEPH MEADE BAILEY, JR., third son of J. M. and Anna Bailey, was born in Freeport, Ill., Nov. 7, 1864. In speaking of him his mother said, "He was one of the merriest and happiest boys living; was very hearty until the age of fourteen, when almost ready for college and just completing his final preparations for his entrance there, and at the same time assisting a friend in like preparations, he was one very hot day taken with severe convulsions; having several before receiving assistance. As a result his health was undermined and for years its sad effects told too plainly upon his enfeebled constitution. Twice he attempted to begin a college course, till at last he was obliged to take to his bed, where he perseveringly pursued his studies in order to keep up with his class. When his physicians in Rochester finally insisted that he had hemorrhage of the lungs in a bad form, he then gave up college, and went to

Colorado for a time. As he became somewhat better his invincible energy showed forth in various channels. For a time he was principally engaged in proving up Swamp Land Titles in Iowa and Ohio, besides other land titles,—anything he could find. It proved both amusing and profitable; and in that business made many acquaintances in Washington and elsewhere. He was persuaded to go to Sioux Falls, South Dakota, to lease the penitentiary convict labor, and while superintending that business, he organized a plan for the German and American Loan and Trust company, which directly opened into a large business firm, many capitalists at his old home in Freeport going into it with “their Joe,” as he was familiarly called, he being a great favorite with his friends.

When in Washington not long since, he was somewhat surprised to receive an invitation from President Harrison to dine with him, and during the greater part of the time the conversation related to the financial condition of the country. His judgment on financial questions was considered excellent. By some of his friends in the West he has been called the “Banker King of South Dakota,” and was said to be the youngest Bank President in the world.

From the *Daily Freeport Journal* of September 14, 1891, the following extract is taken. After speaking of his death, which occurred September 12, 1891, with a glowing tribute to his genius, and then the preparation for his burial, it continued:

“Mr. Bailey removed to Sioux Falls in 1885 upon obtaining the contract for the labor of the convicts in the penitentiary there. The next year he sub-let this contract and became interested in the German-American Loan and Investment Company, which had been incorporated by him in connection with A. E. Hull and C. R.

Deane. In 1885, upon the incorporation of the old Citizens' Bank of Hills & Beebe, as the Citizens' National Bank, he became the Vice-President of that institution. In the same year, the German-American Loan and Investment Company was merged in the German-American Loan and Trust Company, of which he became general manager, a position which he has ever since retained. In 1888, the Citizens' National Bank was consolidated with the Minnehaha National Bank, under the name of the latter institution, and Mr. Bailey became first Vice-President, and soon afterward upon the retirement of Mr. E. A. Sherman from that position, the President of that bank. He has continued in that position ever since. In 1888 Mr. Bailey was one of the delegates from the Territory of Dakota to the Republican national convention. He was the youngest member of the convention, and had been a page in the convention of 1884. His activity and political skill as delegate, and as the proxy of the Territory's representative on the national committee, gave him an intimacy with some of the most prominent men in the national Republican party, and intensified the regard in which he has been held by many with whom he had become acquainted at Washington and elsewhere in previous years. In 1889 he was appointed by Governor Mellette as Treasurer of the Territory of Dakota, and served as Treasurer until the admission of the Dakotas, making himself a record which any one might justly envy. In 1890 he was a candidate for State Treasurer before the Mitchell convention, and at one time was nominated, but by the change of a few votes before the announcement of the ballot, was, after an exciting campaign, defeated. Last fall he was appointed by President Harrison a member of the commission to examine the coinage of the government mint for 1890. Mr. Bailey's

health again broke down after the excitement of last year's campaign, and upon the advice of his physicians, he started last spring for Europe. He spent some time at Carlsbad, and received much benefit from the waters and treatment there. On arriving in London he was taken seriously ill, and obtaining no relief, sailed for home on July 22d last. From that time to the time of his death he was confined to his bed at his father's home in Freeport. There is scarcely a parallel in the history of the Northwest in which a man so early in life achieved such prominence in finance, in politics and in general affairs as did Mr. Bailey, and his death is universally recognized as a great loss to the community and the commonwealth. He was the youngest bank president in the country, but despite his youth, he enjoyed the confidence of large numbers of financiers in all the great money centers of the country. He had a natural head for affairs, and men very much older than he took counsel from him. There are few who will be so profoundly regretted and so frequently missed."

April 21, 1886, he was married at the home of his wife's uncle, Robert Currier, in Chicago, to CAROLYN CURRIER TANNER, who was born in Rockford, Illinois, January 26, 1866. Her father was DeWitt Clinton Tanner, and mother Opluna Christine Currier. In 1867 the family moved to Freeport, Illinois, where the father was engaged in the insurance business till December, 1869, when his young wife died, leaving him two children, Harriet, aged five; and Carolyn, aged three. After this sad event her father moved with his little family to Chicago, and there lived with his wife's brother, Robert B. Currier, till May, 1871, when he was again married. The family continued to reside in Chicago until the winter of 1878, when on account of Mr. Tanner's health, they went to Florida. In March, 1880, the two daugh-

ters returned North to complete their education, Carolyn finding a home with her uncle Robert. Her education was received at the grammar and high schools of Chicago and Mount Holyoke seminary of South Hadley, Mass. Her school days ended in June, 1885. They have no children.

JOHN AARON BAILEY was born March 27, 1869, in Freeport, Illinois. Died Nov. 18, 1876; buried in Freeport.

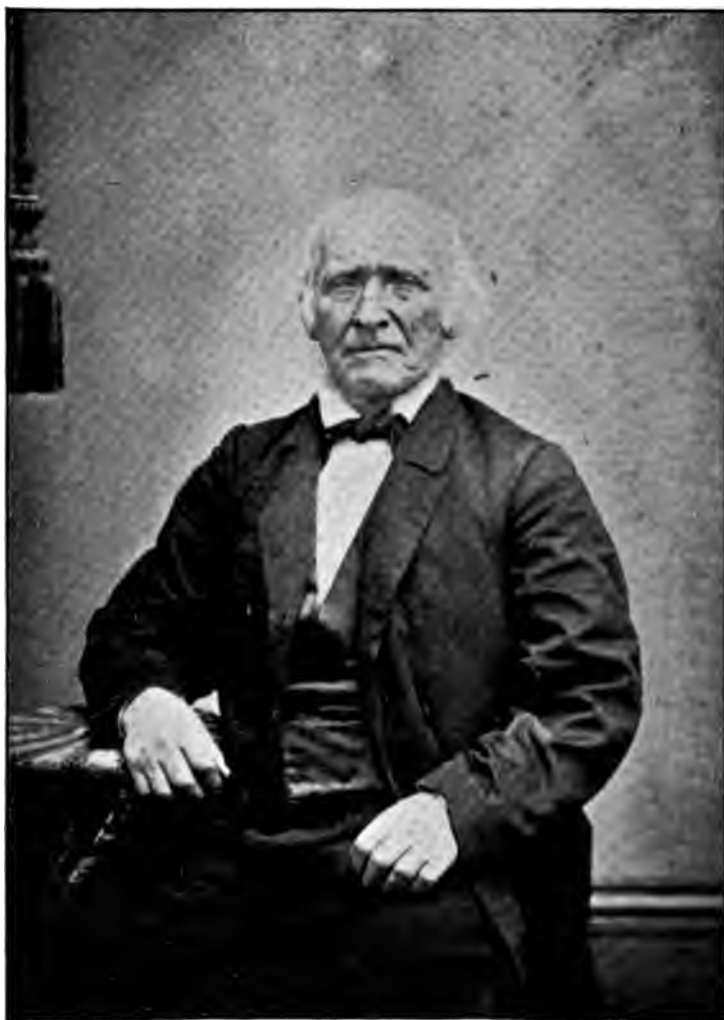
ANNA MARIA BAILEY, the youngest of J. M. and Anna Bailey's children, was born in Freeport, Illinois, April 30, 1876. At present she is attending private school, and in addition to her English and Latin studies, is considered a fine French scholar. She is very fond of music and plays well on guitar and piano.



7.. CHARLES OLIN, born in Perry, N. Y., Oct. 18, 1836. Died March 11, 1842.

END OF JOHN OLIN BRANCH.





SAMUEL OLIN.





MERCY SEYMOUR-OLIN.



DIVISION 2ND.



Families and Descendants OF THE SAMUEL OLIN BRANCH.



SAMUEL OLIN was born July 1, 1793, in the township of Shaftsbury, Vermont, where his early life was passed, save a short time that his father lived in St. Albans, same State. Here, in this rough and rocky country, he grew to manhood, being trained at the same time to practice self-denial and frugality, which early fitted him in muscular and mental development to take advantage of opportunities for success that were then so generously offered to any young man of energy and perseverance. He remained at home with his father, and assisted in the work on the farm until arrangements were made with one of the neighbors that he should work for him three years. He was therefore "bound out" to serve for that time, his father receiving the wages for his services as agreed upon. He thus served his father until he became of age. He then made a journey to Whitestown, Oneida County, N. Y., where his uncle, Silas Rawson, was living. Upon his arrival

at his uncle's he engaged to assist him in the work of carrying on the Public Inn, and for sometime he was thus occupied. And it was while there, he was married to his cousin, Betsy Green, a daughter of his mother's brother, Jesse Green.

BETSY GREEN was born April 9, 1797, but the place of her birth is in doubt. As already stated, her grandfather, Samuel Green, moved into Vermont about the time the Olins went there. Whether her father, Jesse Green, was married and raised his family in Vermont or not, is a matter of conjecture. Of other members of the family besides Betsy, there were David and Willard Green. It is probably certain that Jesse Green was living with his family in Whitestown at the time of his daughter's marriage there, as Mrs. Silas Rawson was his sister.

Samuel Olin was first married in December, 1815.

In the year 1818 he moved to Perry, where his brothers John and Arvin had preceded him. He found his brother Arvin hard at work upon a new farm of fifty acres. As he had some means, they made an agreement that he should have half of the fifty acres. They then worked on together for the next three years, when he purchased his brother's twenty-five acres for about twelve dollars per acre. About the spring of 1822 he moved back to Whitestown at the earnest request of his uncle, Silas Rawson, with whom he lived the next two years. While he was absent from Perry, his brother Ezra worked his land there one year, and a man by the name of Reed Keys, the other. At the end of the second year, his uncle having sold out his business in Whitestown, he returned to his farm in Perry, on which he lived for a time, but having bought another farm near by, he moved on to that, and there remained until he sold out and moved to Ohio.

April 1, 1831, his wife, Betsy Olin, died, and was laid in the cemetery at Perry Center. She was the mother of eight children, record of whom will appear further on.

Samuel Olin was again married on January 16, 1832, in Castile, New York, to MERCY SEYMOUR, who then assumed the cares and responsibilities of his home and family, which she ever faithfully discharged.

On the 28th of February, 1839, he loaded his household goods upon three wagons and started for his new home in Streetsboro, Portage County, Ohio, where he arrived with property valued at ten thousand dollars. The first season he was engaged in building his new brick house, which was opened the next year to the public, and was known as "OLIN'S INN." His popularity as a successful landlord became quite extended, and with his jolly, good nature and free and easy way, he soon won a multitude of friends. Soon after his new house was completed and opened to the public, there came along, one morning while he was out at the door watering his horse, a couple of finely dressed gentlemen, who drove up and requested him to water their horses, which he did very obligingly, and for which they offered him sixpence, which he refused. They seemed greatly interested, however, in the new house, and after making several inquiries, wanted to know where the man was who had built such a large and fine house, as they very much desired to see him. He replied that he guessed he was not far away. They again wanted to know where the owner was, as they very much desired to see him. Upon which he spoke up and said, I am the man. They seemed very much astonished, and after looking him over carefully, remarked that they thought it would have been much better to have either built a smaller house or else have worn better clothes.

He seemed to take great delight in assuming to be in need of pecuniary assistance in order to succeed with his business affairs; his finances one would suppose were in a sad state from his pitiful stories which were told with apparent seriousness, as he smoked his little stump of a pipe that scarcely reached beyond his nose, while his hat that had seen better days was tipped to one side of his head; and with a merry twinkle in his eye, you have the picture of Uncle Sam in his palmy days when there were prospects of a trade or chance for a little speculation ahead.

While he was yet keeping his hotel, he was once awakened about midnight by a man who desired assistance in getting up a little hill near by. His team had been doing their utmost, but were unable to take their heavy load up the hill, and if he would only come out and help him a little he would be very thankful; such a request he never refused. So his oxen were yoked up and hitched on front of the team, and soon the load was at the top of the hill, and the man went on his way rejoicing, while he returned to his couch quite satisfied with himself for having rendered a kind act unto his fellow creature. His feeling, somehow seemed to undergo a very decided change in the morning when it was discovered that the man whom he had so kindly assisted in the night, had broken into his granary and stolen the very wheat he had been helping him off with.

He carried on his hotel successfully for eleven years, when the opening of the Cleveland and Pittsburgh railroad destroyed the business; he then devoted the whole of his time to his farm, which he had brought to a good state of cultivation and is considered among the very best in that section.

The last few years of his life he lived in a fine house he built upon his farm, and not far from his old home.

Much of his wealth he bestowed upon his children with his own hand, as his donations to them would probably exceed twenty thousand dollars.

He practiced to the close of his life that strict economy, which he was forced to learn in his early years. His success was the natural result of a prudent, saving spirit, connected with shrewdness and foresight, and backed with energy and perseverance.

Although he succeeded in accumulating considerable wealth, which was estimated at sixty thousand dollars when he died, and seemed in possession of everything to make his life a happy one, yet around his home seemed to hover that dark messenger of death, who unbiddingly would enter and fill it with sorrow and mourning. Nine times during his life he was called upon to witness some one of his family borne away by this unwelcomed visitor; the wife of his youth, three sons, and five daughters he followed to their last resting place.

If not the first one, he was among the first, in calling together the pioneers or early settlers of his neighborhood and vicinity for a social meeting. From a small company at first, they have continued to grow until a large County Pioneer Association has been formed.

Near the old homestead is located Evergreen cemetery, which with his own hands he helped to lay out and beautify and "fit it" as he expressed it, for "his home." He died November 22, 1874, and took possession of that "home" in the cemetery, where his wife in a few years more joined him.

1st. SILAS OLIN—The oldest of Samuel and Betsy Olin's children was born in Whitestown, N. Y., June 6, 1816. His short life of a little over eleven years closed in September, 1827. He was buried in the cemetery at Perry Center.

2nd. SOPHIA OLIN was born August 28, 1818, in Whitestown, N. Y. Like many other girls of her time she received a very limited education at school, but she knew all about spinning and the manufacturing of cloth which was then considered of greatest importance in a young woman's accomplishments.

She accompanied her parents in their removal to Ohio, and remained with them until her marriage at her father's home in Streetsboro, August 18, 1841, to John Pease, who was born in Otsego County, N. Y., December 25, 1804, and died in Jefferson, Ashtabula County, Ohio, February 25, 1885.

After her marriage her home was then on the farm her husband owned, and was located in the northeastern part of Streetsboro. She died at her home there March 2, 1851. Her remains were laid to rest in the cemetery at Streetsboro Center, where they still remain. She was the mother of three children.

1st. EMILY B. PEASE was born in Streetsboro, Portage County, Ohio, April 23, 1845. After her mother's death her father married again, and after a time sold the home in Streetsboro, and moved to Jefferson, Ohio, where he purchased another and larger farm. Her home was with her father until her marriage. Her education was obtained at school in Jefferson, besides an attendance of part of two terms at select school in Austinburg.

October 1, 1873, she was married at her father's home to JOHN C. BURGETT, who was born July 17, 1847, in Harpersfield, Ohio. He was raised on the farm, his father being a farmer. When old enough he was sent to the district school in his native town, where he obtained his education.

After their marriage they resided six years in Harpersfield on a farm they had purchased and which they

continued to work. At the end of that time they sold out and removed into the east part of Lenox Township, where they bought a farm of fifty-three acres, and which has since been their home. They have three children.

HENRY J. BURGETT was born in Harpersfield, Ashtabula County, Ohio, Feb. 17, 1875.

OLDEN RAY BURGETT was born in Harpersfield, March 12, 1877.

NELLIE IRENE BURGETT was born September 22, 1884, in Lenox, Ohio.

2d. POLLY M. PEASE was born in Streetsboro, Portage County, Ohio, October 17, 1846. She was quite young when her mother died. Her father married again while they lived in Streetsboro, but soon after moved to Jefferson, Ohio.

Her home was with her father until she was married at his home, on December 20, 1866, to NAHUM H. WARD, who was born in Hinsdale, Berkshire County, Mass., February 24, 1838. After their marriage they moved on to a farm in Lenox, Ashtabula county, Ohio, on which they lived about eighteen months. They then bought another farm of fifty-three acres in the same township, which has been their home ever since. They have two children.

1st. INA SOPHIA WARD was born in Lenox, Ashtabula County, Ohio, March 2, 1867. She remained at home until her marriage. Besides attending the district school she attended in Jefferson some two years, and in connection took a course in music. She was married at her father's home, October 31, 1888, to BENJAMIN J. SUTHERLAND who was born April 14, 1862, in Glen Allen, Wellington County, Canada. His father was a farmer there, and moved to Ashtabula County, Ohio, when he

was about eight years old, where he lived on a farm until he was twenty-one. He then went to Montcalm County, Mich., where he worked at barber's trade for a time, then returned to Ohio in 1886, and has been on a farm ever since.

He now owns a farm of eighty-three acres in Denmark Township, Ashtabula County, Ohio, which has been their home since they were married. They have one child.

LUNETTA A. SUTHERLAND was born in Lenox, Ohio, October 17, 1890.

FRED L. WARD was born in Lenox, Ohio, January 4, 1870. He attended the district school near home, and then two years at high school in Jefferson. At present he is at home with his parents.

3d. GEORGE W. PEASE was born in Streetsboro, Ohio, February 20, 1851, only a few days before his mother died.

His home was with his father during the years of his short life. Yet in that time by his pleasant and cheerful manner he won friends who still remember his noble character and manly deportment.

He died at his father's home in Jefferson, October 27, 1870, and is buried in the cemetery near by.



3d. ALONZO OLIN was born in Perry, Wyoming County, N. Y., May 18, 1820. In his youth there seemed to be no time in which he could be well spared to attend school; consequently his school days were very limited; his education consisted principally of

those practical lessons which he learned on the farm, in teaming, logging, or helping in clearing up the new land. His time was thus occupied at home until he was married. When his father moved to Ohio, he drove one of the teams that was loaded with the household effects. Upon his arriving at age, he still continued to work at home for nearly a year and a half. Besides his board and clothing, for this extra time he received ten dollars per month for the last three months' labor. After a little preparation he returned to Perry with only twenty-five dollars in his pocket, where, on October 12, 1842, he was married to Elmira B. Squiers, who was born in Perry, Wyoming County, N. Y., July 17, 1824. She had always resided in Perry up to that time. After she was fourteen years old she worked out and supported herself, the wages she received being one dollar per week.

After their marriage, and when ready to return to Ohio, their uncle, Asa Olin, in consideration of having his expenses paid, took them and what few things they had in his wagon to their place of destination in Streetsboro, Ohio. Their provisions for the journey they took along with them and at noon and night they would stop on the way at "taverns" where they prepared their own meals. This seemed to be the usual way of traveling in those days, there being no railroads then west of Buffalo.

The first six months they lived in a little log house, in which also lived another family; their room was small; so were the number of their household utensils, they having brought them all in a box three feet square. Four years they rented land of their father Olin, giving him one-third of what was raised; yet during all that time they had not succeeded saving anything, as their crops were very short. One year he had the use of twelve acres for clearing off the brush and logs that were

on it. A good deal of hard work was necessary to get it sown to wheat, but when the harvest came he received only fifty-six bushels, worth but fifty-five or fifty-six cents per bushel.

His first purchase of land was a piece in the south part of Streetsboro, containing forty-five acres, for which he was to pay \$600; but with the work of clearing up his land, and the many necessary expenses constantly arising, he was not able to meet his payments on time; but finally the last \$100 was paid from the avails of his team, which he sold to meet it.

In 1851, he bought what was known as the "Clark place," one hundred acres for \$1,300. He had but \$20 to pay down on this purchase, and it took him nine years to meet the last payment, which was met by his again selling his team, and then getting trusted for another one. Although the greater part of his life had passed before he gained much progress in a financial way, yet at his death he was the possessor of 224 acres of land, a good home and pleasant surroundings.

He possessed in a large degree those Olin characteristics, for he was honest, industrious, temperate, social and friendly. And at last, when from long failing health he was laid upon his last bed of sickness, many were the friends who came to inquire of his condition and to express their heartfelt sympathy. Surrounded by his children, while still by his side stood his faithful companion, his spirit took its flight, November 14, 1885. He was buried in Evergreen cemetery, near the old homestead in Streetsboro.

His wife still remains in the home which they together built several years ago.

In speaking of the early days of their married life, she said that while Alonzo was busy with his work or the farm, she was equally busy with hers in the house

She said that during the first year, besides doing her usual housework, she spun yarn to make seventy-six yards of linen and forty-six yards of woolen cloth. They had six children.

1st. JAMES E. OLIN was born in the township of Streetsboro, Portage County, Ohio, October 14, 1844.

As soon as he became large enough he assisted his father in his farm work until he became of age. His education was obtained at the district school near his home with a few terms in attendance at the Earlville district school.

A few summers after he became of age, he worked out by the month. March 17, 1869, he was married at her father's home in Streetsboro, Ohio, to SUSAN J. BRADLEY, who was born February 7, 1847, in the same township in which she was married. She patronized the district school, and there obtained her education.

After his marriage, in company with his brother Arthur, they rented their Uncle Nathaniel Olin's farm in Streetsboro, on which they lived and worked nearly two years. He then rented and worked his Father Bradley's farm for the next two years. From there they moved into Brimfield Township on a farm which he had rented for a year.

In March, 1873, he purchased a farm in company with his brother, in the north part of Franklin, on which they resided and worked until the spring of 1882; He had in the meantime purchased his brother's interest, he then sold his farm and moved into a house owned by S. P. Merrill, north of Earlville, for whom he worked about a year. While there he had the misfortune to break one of his limbs.

The summer of 1883 he worked his brother's farm east of Kent, and in the fall of the same year he pur-

chased a farm of 119 acres in Ravenna Township, which place has been their home since. They have six children.

1st. ELMIRA P. OLIN was born in Streetsboro, Ohio, October 12, 1870. For a number of seasons she has been in attendance at the district schools. At present is at home assisting her mother in the cares of the household.

2nd. EDWIN A. and 3d ERWIN G. OLIN were born May 14, 1873, in Franklin Township, Ohio. They are still at home with their father helping with the farm work in summer and attending the district school in the winter.

4th. GERTIE B. OLIN was born September 12, 1879, in Franklin, Portage County, Ohio.

5th. MYRTIE E. OLIN was born in Franklin, Ohio, September 16, 1883.

6th. CHARLES E. OLIN was born in Ravenna, Portage County, Ohio, December 24, 1889.

2nd. ARTHUR S. OLIN was born in Streetsboro, Ohio, August 12, 1846. He remained with his father until he was twenty-two years old, being in poor health the last six months of the time. He then hired out to work on a farm for a time. Then, in company with his brother James, rented and worked his uncle's farm in Streetsboro. He then worked his father's farm one summer. After his return from a six month's trip in the West, he bought a farm in company with his brother James, which they owned together about three years; he then sold his interest to his brother. He then rented and worked his father's farm five years. In the meantime he had purchased a farm in the southeast part of Franklin township. While he was yet on his father's farm he was married,

March 20 1878, to ELLA DUNNING at her father's home in Kent.

She was born in Rootstown Station, Portage County, Ohio, October 16, 1860. Her home was with her father, with the exception of three years she lived with her grandmother, after she was seven years old, at which time her mother's death occurred.

She attended school in Kent, and improved her opportunities so well, that when she was but fifteen years old, she taught a term of school in Streetsboro.

After their marriage they lived on their rented place in Streetsboro two years, then on January 21, 1880, moved on to their own farm of one hundred acres in Franklin, on which they had already built a new house, and where they have continued to live ever since. They have five children, the eldest being an adopted daughter.

1st. EDNA MAY OLIN was born in Shalersville, Ohio, December 7, 1879.

2nd. ETHEL MARIE OLIN was born in Franklin, Ohio, December 12, 1882.

3d. METTA ALMIRA OLIN was born in Franklin, Ohio, January 23, 1885.

4th. MABEL ANN OLIN was born August 21, 1887, in Franklin, Ohio. Died March 10, 1890.

5th. MINA D. OLIN ~~was born~~ August 29, 1889, in Franklin, Ohio.

3d. CHARLES H. OLIN was born in Streetsboro, Ohio, January 10, 1849. He died September 28, 1850.

4th. JOHN OLIN was born October 17, 1851, in Streetsboro, Portage County, Ohio. He remained on

the old farm until he was twenty-three years old. During his early years he was sent, as were the rest, to the district school; but not satisfied with the instruction he was able to obtain there he attended two terms of High School, one term being at Mt. Union College. The first year after he became of age he worked for wages, and the next year worked his father's farm on shares.

November 4, 1874, he was married by Rev. Andrew Willson at his residence in Kent, to JULIA ELLSWORTH, who was born in Streetsboro Township, December 21, 1853. Her parents having a family of six children, and being somewhat in limited circumstances, she sought a home in other families, when she was fourteen years old and afterward supported herself. She lived six years before she was married in the family of Samuel Olin. The spring following their marriage they lived on his brother Arthur's farm in Franklin, which he worked five years, then went back into the southwest part of Streetsboro and worked a rented farm two years. At the expiration of that time he bought a farm of eighty acres near the center of Stowe Township, Portage County, which has now been his home nine years. They have one daughter—

HATTIE E. OLIN was born in Franklin, Portage County, Ohio, January 29, 1879.

JULIA C. OLIN was born in Streetsboro, Ohio, July 6, 1854. She was taken with that terrible disease diphtheria, from which she died May 6, 1863.

6th. FRANK D. OLIN was born in the old home in the southeast part of Streetsboro, May 26, 1857. There on the farm he was reared, and has remained ever since with the exception of about fifteen months, six of which

were passed on a visit in the West and the rest in working by the month for his uncle, N. S. Olin. His education he obtained principally at the district school. When nineteen years old he attended school one year in Kent. On arriving at age he worked a time for his brother Arthur, who was then working the home farm. His visit to the West was then made, and a few months afterward he rented his father's farm which he has since worked several years.

March 28, 1882, he was married to SUSAN A. WEST at her father's home in Franklin, Portage County. She was born in Franklin, Venango County, Pennsylvania. February 9, 1856. Was about eight years old when her parents moved into the western part of Franklin, Portage County, Ohio, which place was her home until her marriage, with the exception of one summer that she was working out. Her education she obtained at the district school. They have had two children.

TINA BELLE OLIN was born in Streetsboro, Ohio, September 15, 1883. She died September 26, 1883, and was buried in Standing Rock cemetery.

FERN DELLE OLIN was born September 21, 1889, in Streetsboro, Ohio.



4th. SARAH J. OLIN, daughter of Samuel and Betsy Olin, was born in Whitestown, Oneida County, N. Y., August 29, 1822. Her early life was passed in a similar manner to that of other girls of her time, attending to household duties when large enough, besides the spinning and weaving which was carried on very considerably then. Her duties she performed faithfully and well, and until her marriage she was continually found at her father's home, doing whatever she could.

May 4, 1844, she was married at her home in Streetsboro, Ohio, to WILLIAM COWLEY who was born April 27, 1815, in the town of Moulton, Lincolnshire, England. His parents were poor yet honest, and were tillers of the soil, as tenants on land called the fens or marsh, which had been reclaimed from the west shore of the North Sea.

He remained with his parents assisting them in their labors until he was nineteen years old; he then went to work for a neighbor and remained two years for which he received the first year, £9, and the second year £11, or \$55. On becoming of age and having a dislike for the rules and rites of the Church of England, and also desiring to possess a home among the free and independent people of America, he accordingly, on the first of May, 1836, embarked from Liverpool as a passenger on a sailing vessel bound for New York, where he landed on the nineteenth of June, without sufficient money to pay for a night's lodging. Wandering along the wharves he came to a canal boat loaded with hay; this he used for a lodging place, using his satchel for a pillow.

The next morning he and his companion who had accompanied him from the old country concluded to go up the Hudson river as far as Albany—having in the meantime borrowed fifteen dollars of his companion to defray expenses. After their arrival in Albany they started on foot for Stockbridge, Mass., where he worked in a stone quarry the rest of the summer. The following winter he went to Philadelphia where he followed the same occupation until spring. He then returned to Massachusetts, stopping at Lee, where he worked by the month as a farm hand until the fall of 1838. Hearing that land was cheaper in the West he accordingly started westward. Arriving in Albany he

took passage on the Erie Canal paying his way by assisting in driving team. On his arrival in Buffalo, he took passage on a sail boat for Toledo, Ohio, and then traveled on foot into Mercer County where he found work for the winter grading on the Miami Canal. It was while there that he made his first purchase of a small tract of land, but kept it only a short time. Not liking the country at that point, he again started out, this time for the Western Reserve, where after his arrival he worked for two summers on a farm. In the winter time he would thresh grain with a flail for farmers. In the spring of 1841, he hired out to work for Samuel Olin in Streetsboro, where he remained about three years.

After their marriage they settled on a farm in the south part of Streetsboro, to which occasionally a piece was added until the farm numbered 482 acres, most of which he cleared and improved.

Sarah J. Cowley died December 28, 1863, and was buried in Evergreen cemetery in Streetsboro.

On January 8, 1867, William Cowley was married to Chloe Brockway, a daughter of Timothy and Francis Brockway of Trumbull County, Ohio. Her parents were among the first settlers of Hartford in that county. William Cowley died at his home in Streetsboro, January 30, 1888, and was laid to rest in Evergreen cemetery. William and Sarah J. Cowley were the parents of nine children.

1st. HENRY B. COWLEY was born in Streetsboro, Portage County, Ohio, April 17, 1845, where in the old home on the farm he grew to manhood. He remained at home until the fall of 1867, when he hired out to work for his grandfather Olin a year. Then after a visit into Michigan, he rented one of his father's farms to work on shares. November 3, 1870, he was married in Ra-

venna, Ohio, to ELLA A. COOPER who was born October 18, 1851, in Aurora, Portage County, Ohio. She was also brought up on the farm as farming was her father's principal occupation. She received a common school education. Has taught six terms of school. She was residing at Streetsboro Center at the time of her marriage.

Part of the old homestead they now, own and in, connection he has 120 acres more, which he is working. He has held the office of Township Assessor and was elected Real Estate Assessor in 1880. Has been a member of the School Board in his district for seventeen years. They have no children.

2nd. WILLIAM COWLEY, JR. was born February 28, 1847, in the township of Streetsboro, Ohio. He lived at home with his father until he was twenty years of age. The district school furnished him the means of an education, which he attended during winter terms only, after he was eight years old. Upon his leaving home he engaged to work out by the month, the greater part of the time on a farm.

When W. W. Russell moved to Michigan he drove team there for him. On his return he worked for Roswell Stone of Streetsboro, on the farm. Before the end of his second year's service he was married to the daughter of his employer, Miss OLIVE STONE, on September 22, 1869. She was born in Streetsboro, Ohio, September 10, 1854. She remained at her father's home after she was married. She was an attendant at the district school.

After leaving their Father Stone's they went to Hudson, where he was employed in a box factory the next six months. He then moved into a house on his father's farm in Streetsboro and worked for him a year. He has been engaged at work in many different places since, among which may be mentioned the railroad

shops at Kent, and in Cleveland; has also worked as hand on railroad; has worked about two years for N. D. Peck of Streetsboro Center on a farm. One year he resided in Stowe Township on a small place he had purchased. After selling there he returned to Streetsboro again. April 17, 1889, he moved into a house he built upon land near the south line of Streetsboro, which he inherited from his father's estate, and there resides at present writing. They have eight children.

1st. EDWIN O. COWLEY was born in Streetsboro, Ohio, January 4, 1870. During the past few seasons he has worked out on a farm during the summer, passing his winters at home. Has devoted but little of his time in school not having attended since he was eleven years old.

2d. CORA E. COWLEY was born in Streetsboro, Ohio, March 20, 1872. She remained at home until she was sixteen. The greater part of the time since then she has been working out, doing house work.

3d. SARAH A. COWLEY was born November 22, 1873, in Hudson, Ohio. Her time has principally passed at home, except as at such times when she was away working for others.

4th. ANNA COWLEY was born June 28, 1876, in Stowe, Portage County, Ohio.

5th. MINNIE COWLEY was born January 22, 1878, in Streetsboro, Ohio.

6th. HARRIE H. COWLEY was born in Franklin, Ohio, February 26, 1879.

7th. CHELCY COWLEY was born March 17, 1882, in Cleveland, Ohio.

8th. OVIA COWLEY was born in Streetsboro, Ohio, August 5, 1885.

3d. BETSY L. COWLEY was born in Streetsboro, Ohio, August 29, 1849. She obtained a fair education, having attended school in Kent. Her early life was passed in the vicinity of her birth, until her marriage to THOMAS H. SMITH in Ravenna, Ohio, July 26, 1871. He was born April 25, 1849, in Orange township, Noble County, Indiana. His father was a farmer, and the son was brought up to that occupation, remaining with his father until he was twenty-one. During that time he obtained a common school education, with one term at Kendallville High School.

In the fall of 1870, he went to Portage County, Ohio, and engaged to work for C. R. Doolittle of Streetsboro, and while there became acquainted with the one who afterward became his wife.

In November, 1871, he returned to Indiana with his wife, and began life for themselves on a farm in Noble County, where they remained until the spring of 1881. His wife's health becoming very much impaired by severe hemorrhage of the lungs, which ended in consumption, he then purchased a place in Rome City, Ind., and engaged in other business, and in caring for his invalid wife. She died April 6, 1884, and was buried in Lake View cemetery, Indiana. She had one son.

CLARENCE O. SMITH was born in Noble County, Ind., December 2, 1874. He is now attending high school, and is well advanced in his studies.

Thomas H. Smith was married again April 9, 1885, at Kendallville, Ind., to IDA M. COWLEY, a sister to his first wife. She was born February 17, 1859, in the old home in Streetsboro, Ohio, where she resided until she became of age, attending in the meantime the school in Kent. At the time of her sister's illness she went to Indiana to care for her, and after her death went to live with another sister in the same State until her marriage; after

which they purchased a farm of some seventy-five acres, three miles east of Kendallville, Ind., where they have since resided and carried on their farm. He is very much interested in religious matters, himself and family belonging to the Christian Church, in which he holds an important office. They have one daughter, Mabel Smith, born February 28, 1891, in Allen Township, Noble County, Ind.

4th. ELIZA COWLEY was born December 24, 1852, in Streetsboro, Portage County, Ohio. She received a common school education with the addition of one year's attendance at high school in Kent. She remained at home until she was twenty-three years of age, then for two summers she was employed by her uncle in doing housework. She then went to visit her sister in Indiana, where she was also engaged in work when she was married in Kendallville, Noble County, December 12, 1877, to LEVI L. RABER, who was born in Summit County, Ohio, September 22, 1838. In 1842, his parents moved into Portage County, where they remained until 1853. He then went with them to Noble County, Ind., where he has resided ever since. He was a patron of the common schools, and was one year in attendance at a seminary in Wolcottville, Ind. His time has mostly been employed on the farm.

During the winter of 1863 he was employed by the Government as a teamster and passed his time in the South. In September, 1864, he enlisted in Battery A, First Indiana Heavy Siege Artillery. They belonged to the Department of the Gulf, and went directly to the front. They were on the Mississippi and White river in Arkansas, where they were encamped at Du Ball's bluff; were also encamped at New Orleans and at Morgansie Bend in Louisiana.

The command was not employed in any regular engagement, but were under fire several times from the bushwhackers, from which they lost several men in killed and wounded. He was discharged in August, 1865.

While in the service he contracted severe sore eyes for which the Government considered him entitled to a pension. After leaving the army he clerked in a store in Waterloo, Ind., one year. Since then he has been on the farm.

After their marriage they began housekeeping in a rented house, but soon after moved into a new one of their own. After one or two changes they purchased a farm about two miles from Wolcottville, on which they now reside. They have had three children.

ZUELLA RABER was born November 8, 1879, in Noble County, Ind.

CARL RABER was born July 7, 1882, in Noble County, Ind.

OLIN RABER was born in Kendallville, Noble County, Ind., September 7, 1887, died August 10, 1888.

5. HARRIET COWLEY was born March 8, 1854, in Streetsboro, Ohio. She died February 20, 1857, and was buried in cemetery at Streetsboro Center.

6. ALBERT COWLEY was born at the old home-
stead in Streetsboro, March 10, 1857.

In his childhood and youth he seemed to be bright and active as boys in general, but when about eighteen years old his mind became affected. He was taken to the Asylum for the Insane, at Newburg, Ohio, where

he remained some ten years, but was pronounced incurable. Since then he has found a home at County Infirmary at Shalersville, Ohio.

7. IDA M. COWLEY. For record and sketch see Thomas H. Smith's family record on a preceding page.

8. EMMA A. COWLEY was born March 13, 1861, in the home in Streetsboro where her early life was passed. Her mother died before she was three years old; thus at an early age she was deprived of a mother's love and tender care.

Her father after a time was again married. She attended the district school near her home and afterward two terms at union school in Kent.

September 20, 1881, she was married at her home in Streetsboro, to THOMAS W. ELLIMAN who was born at a place called "Little York," Northfield Township, Summit Co., Ohio, April 28, 1854. When he was quite young his father, being affected by the California "Gold fever," made a trip to that far country and was gone some five years. Upon his return he engaged in stock buying and selling for a time, but finally purchased a farm in the northeast part of Streetsboro, where his young son, when old enough, was introduced into the business of dairy farming.

When he was married he left the parental roof to engage in business for himself. This he began by hiring out to his father Cowley to work six months for fifteen dollars per month.

He then rented the farm to work on shares for one year at a time for the next seven years.

In April, 1888, he purchased a small place one mile east of Hudson, which has been their home since.

He is engaged in working his own land besides that which he rents, and also does considerable teaming about town. They have two children:

CLIFFORD F. ELLIMAN was born in Streetsboro, Portage County, Ohio, June 26, 1882.

CHLOE MAY ELLIMAN was born in Hudson Township, Ohio, March 16, 1890.

9. JOSEPH J. COWLEY was born in Streetsboro, Ohio, June 20, 1863.

He was but six months old when his mother died. His uncle, Joseph Cowley, then gave him a home and his aunt took the mother's place, and well did she fill the position. His early life was passed near Akron, Summit County, Ohio, on a farm.

He attended the district school, also a term at business college in Akron. After he left school he learned the cornice and slate roofing trade in Akron. In the fall of 1886 he went to Kansas City, Missouri, where he worked at his trade about four years. In the spring of 1890 he went to Oklahoma, in the Indian Territory, and there bought a "timber claim," upon which he built a house, bought some stock and began farming.

June 19, 1890, he was married in Guthrie, Oklahoma, to ANNIE SANDERSON who was born in Mendota, Ill., March 24, 1867. The year following, her parents moved on to a farm near Sedalia, Missouri, where they remained until 1871; they then moved farther west to try pioneer life in Kansas, settling in Crawford County, the country there at that time being very new and unsettled with no railroad, and the nearest town, Girard, being eighteen miles distant. But a railroad was soon built near

by, and the village of Hepler started; there she attended school through the winter and occasionally a summer term at Girard or Fort Scott, twenty miles distant.

Besides this, she sometimes studied at home under her mother's instruction. The study of music was also pursued, but her other studies and duties somewhat interfered with progress in that branch.

When eighteen years old she began teaching school and taught two years in the country, and three years in preparatory department of Hepler school.

In 1889 her parents moved into Guthrie, Oklahoma, and in June of the following year she joined them there, where she was married, having become acquainted with her husband the year previous.



5th. ELON OLIN was born in Perry, Wyoming County, New York, July 28, 1825. At quite an early age he became accustomed to the use of various tools, then used upon the farm. The hand sickle used for reaping wheat was then about going out of use, and the cradle was taking its place. His schooling was principally obtained before he was fifteen years of age; after that time his attendance was very uncertain, and finally ended with only sixteen day's attendance during the winter term.

He remained at home until he was twenty-three, his father paying him one hundred and fifty dollars per year for his services. He then bought a farm of 126 acres paying twenty-two dollars per acre therefor, and is part of the farm he now owns.

April 15, 1849, he was married in Ravenna, Ohio, by Rev. George Messenger, to ELLEN THOMPSON,

who was born near Edinburgh, Scotland, June 3, 1827. Her father emigrated to Streetsboro, Ohio, when she was nearly seven years old. Her schooldays were numbered in the early part of her life, as she attended but two winter terms after she was twelve years old. Her father was one of the large farmers of Streetsboro township, consequently her time was well occupied with the duties and labors of the house. Cheese-making was one of the occupations then carried on by many farmers, and that too before factories were introduced. After their marriage they moved upon their farm, where they have resided ever since. Dairying and raising of stock and grain have been their principal employment, and now in advanced life they see around them the fruits they have won by their life of toil and patient industry. A farm of three hundred acres, a fine home, which they themselves have erected and furnished with many conveniences and luxuries of life.

He has several times been called upon by the citizens of his township to fill offices of trust; among which may be mentioned that of Real Estate Assessor, and Township Trustee, which office he has held several times. They have had seven children.

FLORA OLIN was born in Streetsboro, Ohio, April 27, 1850. December 1, 1869, she was married, at her father's home, to SPELMAN GREEN, who was born and raised in Franklin township. She was the mother of two children:

HORACE F. GREEN was born in Streetsboro, February 29, 1872. He is now living with his father who has married again and lives on his farm in the western part of Franklin.

HELEN MAY GREEN was born in Kent, Ohio, April 26, 1883.

Mr^s. Flora E. Green died September 9, 1883, in Franklin, and is buried in Standing Rock cemetery, in Kent.

2d. FRANCIS A. OLIN was born in Streetsboro, Ohio, July 17, 1852, died August 18, 1854.

3d. FREDERIC W. OLIN was born in Streetsboro, August 13, 1854, died April 3, 1856.

4th. MARY A. OLIN was born December 27, 1856, in Streetsboro, Ohio. She died September 18, 1858.

5th. MARTHA H. OLIN was born in Streetsboro, Ohio, August 21, 1858, died July 22, 1862.

6th. MARY LUCY OLIN was born in Streetsboro, Portage County, Ohio, January 30, 1861. For further mention see Wm. J. Haymaker's family, in Arvin Olin branch.

7th. GRANT E. OLIN was born in Streetsboro, Ohio, June 17, 1863, died September 3, 1864, was buried as were the other members of the family in Evergreen cemetery, in Streetsboro township.



6th. BATHANA R. OLIN was born in Perry, New York, July 16, 1827, where she lived until her father's removal to Ohio. While she yet lived in Perry and only four years old she met with the sad loss of her mother. She accompanied her father in his removal to Ohio. Upon their arrival there they first stopped in a log house on the corner opposite the place where the brick house was afterward built; there they lived some two months. A barn was begun and completed which was followed by the building of the brick house which

was finished before the beginning of the year 1840. The new house she enjoyed some six years. On May 23, 1846, she died and was buried in Evergreen cemetery.



7th. EZRA OLIN, son of Samuel and Betsy Olin, was born in Perry, New York, where he died in infancy in 1829.



8th. BETSY ANN OLIN was born in Perry, New York, February 16, 1831. She was but six weeks old when her mother died; about eight years old when her father moved to Ohio. During her early life she was taught to spin wool and flax, which knowledge she put in practice long after she was housekeeping for herself. She received a common school education, and afterward taught three terms of district school. She was married in Ravenna, Ohio, December 15, 1851, to THOMAS PRICE, who was born in Franklin, Portage County, Ohio, February 9, 1827. He received a limited education, and when married moved into the township of Shalersville, Portage County, where they lived on a farm and where their family were reared. In connection with the farm, they now own a place in Ravenna, where they occasionally reside, usually during the winter.

Farming has been his business all through life and has received his whole attention. They have had seven children.

Henry Price died November 10, 1852; aged 22 days.



2. CALVIN PRICE was born in Shalersville, Portage county, Ohio, July 8, 1853. He was brought up on the farm and has always followed that occupation. He received a common school education while he lived at home. When he became of age, he rented a farm some five years before he owned one of his own. On February 21, 1877, he was married at her home in Shalersville, to ROSA COIT, who was born in Shalersville Ohio, May 13, 1858. While she lived at home with her parents, she received a common school education. In 1881 their first purchase of land was made, it being his grandfather's old home, and consisted of fifty acres. This was sold two years later. April 1, 1883, he bought a farm of 118 acres in the same township, which has since been their home. They have three children:

FRED PRICE, was born in Shalersville, Portage county, Ohio, April 8, 1882.

RAY and MAY PRICE, were born in Shalersville, October 1, 1888.

3. EMMA S. PRICE, was born in Shalersville, Portage county, Ohio, February 17, 1856. She patronized the district school for her education, and was generally found at home and on duty, save occasionally now and then, when she was working for a neighbor. She was married in Ravenna, Ohio, February 21, 1878, to CLIFTON W. BOSWORTH, who was born in Newberry, Geauga county, Ohio, September 22, 1854. He was brought up on the farm, and has never followed any other business. When he was twelve years old, his father sold his farm and moved into Streetsboro, where he made his home eleven years. After he came of age he worked out by the day. The year before his marriage, he worked his father's farm on shares. After he was married he lived in Ravenna township one year on a rented farm. They

then moved on to the place they now own. Besides their place of 82 acres, they have rented another one, on which they are living at present, and are working.

They have three children:

HARRY L. BOSWORTH, was born in Ravenna township, Portage county, January 8, 1879.

ETHEL BOSWORTH, was born in Shalersville, Ohio, February 19, 1884.

EDNA BOSWORTH, was born March 2, 1886, in Shalersville Township, Ohio.

4th. JOHN PRICE was born in the old farm home in Shalersville, August 19, 1860. The farm furnished him employment during the time he remained at home, and in the district school he obtained his education. December 12, 1883 he was married in Coldwater, Mich., to LUCY E. SEMLER, who was born in East Liberty, Summit County, Ohio, May 25, 1864. She was quite young when her parents moved into Southern Michigan, where they resided at the time of her marriage.

For the past seven years they have lived on a rented farm in Shalersville. They have one daughter.

LENA ANN PRICE, was born in Shalersville, Ohio, May 26, 1885.

5th. INFANT SON, died August 28, 1863. Aged one month, 12 days.

6th. SAMUEL PRICE, was also born in the township of Shalersville, Portage County, Ohio, on March 25, 1868. Like the other boys, he was brought up on the farm, and attended the district school where he received his education. During the short time since he became of age he has been working at farm work by the month.

7th. CLAYTON PRICE, was born in Shalersville, and died January 29, 1874, aged 3 years 9 months 12 days. He was buried by the side of others of the family in what is known as, Feeder Dam Cemetery.

As already stated SAMUEL OLIN was married to MERCY SEYMOUR on January 16, 1832, in Castile, New York. She was born December 11, 1806, in Greenfield, Saratoga County, New York.

Her father, Ebenezer Seymour moved into Castile, Genesee County, as it was then, when the country was a "howling wilderness."

He came with an ox team over roads that were marked by "blazed trees." He left his wife and two children, Mercy being the oldest, at Richmond, Livingston County, while he should proceed to build a log cabin, which being completed, they then proceeded on their journey and took possession of their new home. There being no school in that vicinity, she was finally sent back to Greenfield, to attend the common school which was the only kind taught then. She remained until she was sixteen or seventeen years old. It was also considered much safer for her there as the bears and wolves were quite plentiful and very bold and familiar; sometimes they would approach close to the house, rear up and look into the windows with their hungry eyes. After returning from school, she lived at home until her marriage. During the war of 1812 her father was drafted, and had to serve his time in the army.

Her life work is now finished! Yet it was *well done*; her memory still lingers in the hearts of many; and her children arise to call her blessed.

She died April 23, 1880, and lies in the Evergreen

cemetery, by the side of her companion. She was the mother of seven children:

1st. EMILY LEMIRA OLIN, the eldest of Samuel and Mercy Olin's children, was born in Perry, Wyoming County, N. Y., November 11, 1832. She was with the family in all the changes that were made in the home until they entered the new brick house which was soon after opened to the public and known as "Olin's Inn," where in the kitchen she frequently took her music lessons among the dishes as she made them jingle while she washed them. Besides the district school she attended a few terms at Streetsboro Center. She was married in Ravenna, Ohio, December 28, 1851, to LORENZO DOW PEASE, who was born in Streetsboro, Ohio, January 14, 1830. The farm was his home from his earliest recollections. His father, John Pease, was one of the earliest settler in the township, and for some time after our subject was born, the people clung to their pioneer customs. In speaking of those times, he said he remembered seeing people going visiting seated in chairs that were placed upon a stoneboat to which a yoke of oxen were hitched and were quietly plodding along with their load. He also remembered when the first buggy was brought into Streetsboro Township. When he was old enough, he took a prominent part in helping to clear the land, in logging and other farm work. One term and part of the second he attended at Streetsboro village, the rest of his schooling was obtained at the district school. He remained at home until he was of age with the exception of a few months he was clerking in a store in Southern Indiana. He began work for himself in Mantua, Portage County, Ohio, where he bought a farm of 80 acres and moved onto it in the spring of 1852. This he kept and worked about a year and a half, then sold out and moved into the town of Lenox,

Ashtabula County, Ohio, where he purchased a farm of two hundred acres, on which he has ever since resided. He has been mostly engaged in dairying. Since about the year 1866, he has given a great deal of attention to sheep raising. They have two children:

ADDIE M. PEASE was born in Lenox, Ashtabula County, Ohio, November 3, 1857. Her education was principally obtained in Austinburg and Jefferson High Schools. She also gave considerable time to the study of music. She began teaching school when she was about sixteen years old and taught eleven terms. She was married at her father's home in Lenox, March 1, 1881, to WARNER WOLCOTT, who was born November 7, 1841, in Austinburg, Ashtabula County, Ohio. He was next youngest of a family of nine children. His father was a mechanic, but also carried on farming, which occupation the son was brought up to. Besides the district school, he attended two terms at Grand River Institute at Austinburg. At the time the Rebel General Morgan invaded Southern Ohio, and threatened Cincinnati, it was his lot to remain at home, as he was one of the younger boys, but he volunteered and went as a "squirrel hunter," and did guard duty in Kentucky some two weeks. The winter of 1863 he spent as collecting agent for Norris of Cleveland, in Hendricks County, Indiana; in the spring returned to his home in Austinburg, where he remained until 1865. He then went to Nebraska where he took up a homestead in Saunders County, on which he remained, and improved during the summer. In the fall he returned and went to Buffalo, N. Y., where he purchased a tobacco store. After a stay of six months, he sold out and returned to the farm, which he worked until the following year. He then engaged in a general merchandise store at Eagleville, Ohio, which he carried on two and a half years, then sold out. In the fall of 1875,

he was appointed administrator of his brother's estate in Jefferson, and soon after he bought the grocery and feed store his brother had been operating, and which, with some changes, he is still continuing. Besides his business interests in town, he has two farms which demand a share of his attention. They reside in Jefferson. Have no children.

2d. MARTHA A. PEASE was born in the township of Lenox, Ohio, January 7, 1863. She at first attended the district school near home, but her education was principally obtained at school in Jefferson. The study of music was also pursued with her other studies. She was married January 19, 1885, at her home in Lenox, to ERNEST A. WOODRUFF who was born in Eagleville, Austinburg Township, Ohio, October 28, 1860. His father lived in Eagleville some five years, then moved to Rock Creek, same County, where he lived about two years; he then moved to Jefferson, the County seat, where he has since resided. He attended school in Jefferson. When he was about seventeen years old he began work in a dry goods store in Jefferson, which he continued four years. He then took a course of five months in Pittsburg Commercial College, after which he was again engaged in a store a year and a half. After he was married he engaged as clerk in a hardware store in Jefferson, which occupation he followed until the autumn of 1857. He then began business for himself, and opened a Fire and Life Insurance Office in Jefferson, Ohio, which he still continues.

They have one child:

LUCILE A. WOODRUFF was born in Jefferson, Ash-tabula County, Ohio, December 8, 1886.



2nd. SEYMOUR OLIN, was born in Perry, New York, December 14, 1834. He died November 28, 1836, and was buried at Perry Center.



3rd. NATHANIEL S. OLIN was born Dec. 27, 1837, in Perry, New York, where he lived until the spring of 1839, then, with his parents, moved to the home in Streetsboro, Ohio, where he has resided ever since on the farm. Besides the district school he attended but two terms of select school one being at Kent and the other at Hiram Institute and taught by the lamented James A. Garfield.

After finishing school he returned to the old homestead and began farming for himself, his father having built a new house near by, in which he was then living. In connection with his other branches of farming he took great interest even from the beginning in the breeding of short-horned cattle. This business received his special attention and care, so that his stock became very noted, as they were also valuable. In 1888 his barn together with thirty-three head of his most valuable stock was burned, causing a loss, valued at \$12,000.00.

He has been greatly interested in agriculture. He has been a director in the Portage County Agricultural Board twenty-one years. and President of the same eight years. also president of the Farmers Institute five years. He has also given some attention to political matters having been twice elected Assessor of his township, and once received the nomination for Representative of his district.

He was married December 18, 1861, to AUGUSTA DOOLITTLE, at her home in Streetsboro, Ohio. She was born in the same township June 25, 1839.

The district school was one source from which she obtained her education. She also attended the Academy at Shalersville two years.

Her home from her infancy has been up on the farm and she still loves its freedom and enjoys its many pleasant scenes and endearing associations. They have had four children:

1st. ALBERT D. OLIN, was born in Streetsboro, Portage County, Ohio, June 26, 1863. After an attendance at the district school he attended Buchtel College at Akron, Ohio, with the intention of graduating, but after remaining two years his health failed, which obliged him to refrain from further work.

As he did not regain his health he made a trip to Atlanta, Georgia, where he remained a few weeks, and then returned greatly benefited. He has been identified with his father in farming and stock raising; besides he has taught school six terms at present time. Directly after he was twenty-one years of age he was elected Assessor of his native township, and thus he became the *youngest* officer ever elected in its history. He still resides with his father, and is engaged in farming and fruit culture. He was married to Hettie Russell at the home of her parents in Comstock, Mich., September 9, 1891. For record see Arvin Olin branch.

2nd. FANNIE A. OLIN was born August 24, 1866, in Streetsboro, Ohio. During her short life she gave great attention to her school and books and it seemed so very easy for her to acquire knowledge, when she was but fifteen years old she obtained a certificate for teaching, and had made arrangements to do so but her father's earnest request induced her to abandon her intention. In Buchtel

College she was a faithful, promising student. Of her, the girls of the Eta Chapter of the Delta Gamma fraternity thus wrote to her parents: "She was so cheerful, so generous and warm hearted, so thoughtful of all around her! She tried so hard to do her work well while among us, that she became very dear not only to us, her sisters, but to all her teachers and friends in the College."

She prepared breakfast for the family on Wednesday morning, and on Friday morning her gentle spirit had taken its flight. She died March 28, 1887. Her form was laid in Evergreen Cemetery, in sight of her parents home.

3rd. NETTIE S. OLIN, was born in Streetsboro, Ohio, January 19, 1871. She died February 11, 1872.

4th. HARRIE E. OLIN was born July 21, 1876. Died October 18, 1876. He is buried in Evergreen cemetery.



4th. ADELAIDE E. OLIN was born in the Township of Streetsboro, Portage County, Ohio, September 13, 1840. Her school privileges consisted of, first, the usual attendance at the district school until she was about fourteen, then two terms at select school at Twinsburg, Ohio, taught by Samuel Bissell, after which she attended Hiram Institute some two terms, which was then taught by James A. Garfield. On February 10, 1864, she was married at her father's home to CHARLES ROLLIN DOOLITTLE who was born in the Township of Streetsboro, Portage County, Ohio, August 31, 1837. He was the eldest of a family of four children. He was

born and brought up on the farm and has ever since given his attention to that business. Besides the common school, he attended select school at Streetsboro, and Shalersville and took a commercial course at Kent, which gave him familiarity with business forms. After their marriage they moved onto a farm in Streetsboro, of 116 acres for which he paid \$5,600 the year previous. That was their home for five years. Receiving then an offer of a few hundred dollars in advance of purchase price, he sold it and bought another farm near by of 226 acres paying \$13,000 therefor. On this farm they remained eleven years, then in March of 1882, they moved into the new house their father Olin had built a few years before, and afterward purchased of the heirs for \$13,200, their interest in the land that Samuel Olin held at the time of his death, which now makes him the possessor of 660 acres of land. During the late war he was enrolling officer. He has held the office of Township Trustee, and for twelve years has been County Infirmary Director. Was President of the fifth Olin reunion, held in Kent, Ohio, October 1 and 2, 1890. They have had three children.

1st. CLARENCE S. DOOLITTLE was born in Streetsboro, Ohio, May 19, 1865. He has always remained at home save what time he has been away attending school, of which may be mentioned a term at Hudson Preparatory School and six months at Buchtel College, Akron. He is interested with his father in the business of the farm and factory, receiving a certain share of the proceeds.

2. ADDIE MAY DOOLITTLE was born December 8, 1871, in the Township of Streetsboro. She died October 8, 1880, and was laid in Evergreen cemetery.

3d. METTIE A. DOOLITTLE was born January 16, 1872, in Streetsboro, Ohio. After attending the district

school for a time, she passed two years in attendance at select school, then a three years' course at Kent High School, where she graduated. In the winter of 1889-90, she began teaching her first term of six months district school.

5th. MARTHA OLIN was born in Streetsboro, January 18, 1843. She died September 19, 1858.

6th. MARY OLIN, born April 2, 1846, in Streetsboro, Ohio. Died September 18, 1858; was buried in Evergreen cemetery.

7th. SAMUEL E. OLIN was born in Streetsboro, Portage County, Ohio, January 7, 1849. When old enough he was started for the school house near by, where he began the foundation of his education. He attended the High School at Kent a few terms and then a term at Mt. Union College. Soon after he became of age, he started on March 28, 1870, for a trip in the West, by way of Michigan and then on to Kansas, where he made a purchase of eighty acres of wild land. He then returned to Michigan, where he worked during the summer, and in the fall returned home and made arrangements with his father to work the farm on shares. He then returned to Michigan, and on December 22, 1870, he was married to H. JOSEPHINE CARSON at her home in Ross, Kalamazoo County. She was born in Milton, Mahoning County; Ohio, May 14, 1851; was two years old when her parents moved to Michigan and settled on a farm the in south west corner of Ross. She made her home with her parents until her marriage, after which they moved to Ohio and worked their rented farm two years. He then bought a farm of sixty-four acres in Shalersville, on which they lived two years; then disposing of it they returned to the old homestead where they

lived four years. In the spring of 1879, they moved to Michigan and settled on a farm of fifty eight acres which they purchased in the south west part of Ross. They have since added to it an adjoining ninety-five acres on which they moved in June, 1884. His principal attention has been given to farming all through life, yet he has found time to serve his township as Trustee or Assessor three times in the last few years. They have had three children:

SAMUEL OLIN, born in Ross, Mich., November 19, 1880. Died November 20, 1880; was buried in Howlandsburg cemetery.

2d. SAMUEL SEYMOUR OLIN was born in Ross, Kalamazoo County, Mich., February 18, 1882.

3d. KARL OLIN was born in Ross, Mich., October 18, 1866.

End of Samuel Olin Branch.





BETSY OLIN-WOOD.



DIVISION 3D.



Families and Descendants OF BETSY OLIN WOOD.



BETSY OLIN was the oldest daughter of Ezra and Ruth Olin. She was born in Shaftsbury, Vermont, March 15, 1795. She lived with her parents until she was about sixteen years of age. At that time she made a visit to her uncle, Robert Wood, who had married her mother's sister, Mary Green, who then lived in Springfield, Otsego county, New York, about one hundred miles distant. These relatives prevailed upon her to prolong her visit, which she did, making her home with them for the next five years, or until January 16th, 1816, when she was married to their oldest son, Joseph Wood. Robert Wood came from Rhode Island with his family, and located upon a farm in Springfield.

JOSEPH WOOD was born in Springfield, New York, August 1st, 1785. He lived at home until he was thirty years of age, assisting in clearing up the land his father had bought upon his arrival; and also, the second farm which had been bought had been nearly cleared while he remained with his father.

After their marriage they took one of those farms, went to work upon it in 1822, and paid to his father one thousand dollars, which was all the farm would sell for at that time. Their farm consisted of one hundred acres, and in the place of a good, comfortable house, there was an old log shanty, which served them as a dwelling place. After this one hundred acres had been paid for, they purchased forty-six acres more of their Father Wood. In 1827 they built a new house upon their land, which at the time was said to be as nice a one as there was in the town. They still continued to prosper, for in 1832 they bought another farm adjoining of eighty-seven acres.

Three years after this, on March 20th, 1835, their daughter Marilla died suddenly, which touched a tender chord in the father's heart, as it effected a marked change in him during the few remaining years of his life. Consumption fastened upon him, and three years afterward, January 15th, 1838, he passed away to that silent land. In the sixteen years he had labored for himself, we find as a fruit of that labor, a fine farm of two hundred and thirty-three acres, well stocked, and about four thousand dollars in money. Being left a widow with five children, his wife remained on the farm until the spring of 1851, when she was called upon to part with a second daughter, Martha, who died March 8th. The next month after this sad event occurred, another daughter, Maria, being in possession of very poor health, and fearing the worst, she started out, with the advice of physicians, to make a trip to Ohio and return, with horse and buggy, going each day as far as the daughter could endure to ride. The result of her trip was entirely satisfactory, as on her return, the next spring, she had the pleasure of seeing her daughter restored to health, and instead of weighing but seventy pounds, as when she left, returned home weighing one hundred and forty.

The farm in Springfield was her home till 1868. Her children all being married, she bought a place in Cooperstown, at the foot of Otsego lake, which was her home the remaining years of her life.

The days of her childhood were passed in a home where but few of the luxuries of life ever entered. Strict economy was practiced in order to meet the growing necessities and requirements of the large family. Their neighbors, too, and the community in general were all nearly alike in respect to circumstances. While the land which they cultivated returned but a scanty harvest, there seemed no other way for them to do, while they lived in those surroundings, but practice economy and frugality, and to work and hope for better days. Without the advantages of even a fair education, she came upon the stage of life with a self-reliant spirit and with a determination to make her life work a success. How well she succeeded we can never know, as the influence of her life will continue in its work long after the generations in which she mingled have passed away from earth. She gave of her means to make others happier and better. The church she loved, and contributed generously to its support. It can be truly said of her that the world has been made better by her having lived in it.

On March 3d, 1878, twelve days less than eighty-three years, her long, busy and useful life ended. Her remains lie in the beautiful cemetery, near her last home, where are gathered many friends and kindred, quietly resting in that silent city of the dead. She was the mother of six children, four daughters and two sons.

1st. MARILLA WOOD, was born in the township of Springfield, Otsego county, New York, December 2nd 1816. Her short life terminated very suddenly, soon after her return from a visit to friends in Perry, New

York. She was a person of robust constitution and seemed in possession of a long lease of life. She had a kind and affectionate disposition, which won for her many true and sincere friends. She was taken with a disease of an inflammatory nature, and after four days of intense suffering, she expired March 20th, 1835. Her remains were laid in the family lot in the cemetery at Coopers-town.

2d. MARINDA E. WOOD was born in Springfield, New York, January 13th, 1819. She lived with her parents on the farm until after her marriage. Her educational advantages were very good for the times. She was married at her mother's home, in Springfield, July 28th, 1839, to DELOS D. PIER, who was born in Pierstown, Otsego county, New York, January 7th, 1815. The following sketch was written by his son, G. R. Pier, in reply to a request for the same:

* * * "His father was a farmer, and he was brought up on the farm; having the advantages of a public school only, as regards his education. He certainly improved those opportunities to the utmost, as I find among his papers, written about the time he came of age, articles, apparently for publication, clear as to thought and admirably presented. He remained on the farm and gradually began trading in various farm products, until about 1850, he began business in hops and wool, at Cooperstown, in partnership with John F. Scott, his life-long friend. They shortly began dealing in New York, and in 1854, I think, he removed his family to that city. We lived in Brooklyn until 1861, when affairs having prospered with him, he concluded to retire from business, and removed to Utica. His attempt to retire was a failure; he had been so long actively em-

ployed that idleness was impossible for him, and he began again; and in 1867 his two sons started business in New York in partnership with him. His business was rapidly extended, and when the senior partner finally retired, in 1874, it was one of the foremost houses in its line of business in the country. He was very liberal and generous in his business transactions. He suffered very heavy losses in the panics of 1857 and 1873, but was fortunate in withdrawing from business with a competence and in no man's debt. He was brought up a Presbyterian, but was not himself an attendant at church, although insisting that his children should be church-goers, and contributing of his means to various religious orders and churches without regard to creed. I have never heard him talk on religious matters. In relation to his family there was nothing in his power to do for them that he refused. He was eminently a just man, of sterling honesty and sound judgment. He was greatly liked by young people; was very fond of a joke, and up to the last refused to recognize the fact that he was growing old. The accident that ended in his death, struck him in his green old age, happy in the affection of his children and their success in life." * *

The accident which terminated his life occurred at his country home, in Otsego county, where he was then living. While watching a workman who was felling a large tree, one of the limbs, having been broken off by its fall, was thrown with much force, and, striking him upon the head and shoulders, caused such injury that he lived but four weeks afterward. His death occurred October 11th, 1888.

Mrs. Marinda Pier died on the anniversary of her birth, January 13th, 1867, and, by the side of her companion, rests in the cemetery at Cooperstown, near the bank of Otsego lake. They had eight children.

1st. **GEORGE W. PIER** was born in Otsego, Otsego county, New York, July 27th, 1840. His education was obtained at the school of Samuel Perry, at Brookfield, Mass., the Cooperstown Seminary and the Brooklyn Polytechnic Institute. He entered business at the age of eighteen as clerk in his father's office, in New York city, where he continued until the breaking out of the war, when he entered the army as second lieutenant in the 79th Highland Regiment, which was among the first to leave the city and pass through Baltimore, after the 6th Massachusetts Regiment, met with their warm reception there. He was in the first battle of Bull Run, where the captain of his company was killed. He was then made first lieutenant. After passing through the campaign in Virginia, they went with the Dupont expedition to Beaufort, South Carolina, where they participated in several engagements, and then on to Charleston, where an attack was made on the city. There he was promoted to the captaincy of his company. After the defeat of McClellan on the Peninsula, he was recalled to Virginia, and was in the engagement at Fredericksburg, Cedar Creek, the second Bull Run, and Chantilly. He was wounded at the battle of South Mountain, and was then honorably discharged. He was married January 13th, 1863, at Canajoharie, New York, to Cornelia H. Pier (a fifth cousin), who was born June 15th, 1841, at Fort Plain, New York. Soon after his marriage he went to Baltimore and started in business, which was very successful, but ended with the close of the war. He then engaged in the city of New York, in the iron business, in connection with his manufacturing interests at Springfield, Otsego county. Although this business was very large and important, it was not successful, and at the end of two years closed with considerable loss. Somewhat disheartened by his

last unfortunate experience, he entered into business with his brother, Garrett R. Pier, under the firm name of Pier Bros., resuming their father's old business, that of the hop and malt trade, which they continued without change during the lifetime of G. R. Pier, some twenty-seven years. Since then he carries on the business under the same firm name. The amount of business transacted by this firm during all these years has been very large and important, and they are considered one of the leading houses in the business. In connection with this they organized, a few years ago, a company for the milling of wheat for brewers' use and other purposes, and built large mills at Geneva for doing the work. This business is still run as a stock company, of which Mr. G. W. Pier is president. While this firm has had their hard times as well as their prosperity, they have always maintained their commercial credit and have promptly met all their honest obligations. George W. and Cornelia Pier were the parents of two children.

1. KATE EVELYN PIER was born in the city of Baltimore, Md., July 26th, 18—. She was married in New York city, April 11th, 1888, to JAMES KENT MASON, who was born September 7th, 1860, at Oyster Bay, Long Island. He is a descendant of an old New York family, his grandfather being the organizer and first president of the Chemical National Bank, of New York city. They have two children.

JAMES PIER MASON was born in Paris, France, ——— 1889.

GLADYS G. P. MASON was born in New York city, ———, 1890.

2. DELOS D. PIER, 2d, was born in Brooklyn, N. Y., January 7th, 1868. Died in Brooklyn, February 14th, 1870.

2. MARY THURBER PIER was born in Pierstown, Otsego county, New York, July, 1842. Died October 1st, 1842.

3. WILLIE PIER was born in Pierstown, New York, July, 1843. Died August 8th, 1843.

4. MARY ELIZABETH PIER was born in Pierstown, Otsego county, New York, August 17th, 1845. Her parents remained there about four years, when they removed to Cooperstown, and later, to Brooklyn, and at the breaking out of the late civil war, they removed to Utica, New York. She obtained the greater part of her education at the Packer Institute at Brooklyn, and afterward attended the Moravian Seminary at Bethlehem, Penn. While she was living in Utica she first met Charles Starr Munn, to whom she was married, in Calvary church, Utica, New York, June 14th, 1866. He was born in Canton, Miss., December 19th, 1839. After an extended wedding journey they made their home in Chicago, Ill., where he was established in business. His health finally failing, he accepted the advice of his physicians, and in September, 1871, with his family, set sail for Europe, and had hardly reached Paris, when the startling news of the great Chicago fire reached them by cable. Before leaving their home he had settled all his business relations, feeling that it might be years, if ever, before he was able to resume them again. Their fortunate escape seemed to atone for the destruction by fire of their dear home, with its many valued associations and memories of their *first* home and housekeeping. After remaining in Paris a few days they proceeded to Nice, in the Riviera, on the shores of the

beautiful Mediterranean Sea, where they spent the following winter. After three years spent in Europe they returned to Utica, where they experienced their first real sorrow in the death of their little Florence. They remained a large part of their time in Utica, until the latter part of 1878, when their home was made in Cooperstown, where, in April 27th, 1882, the husband and father died very suddenly. After that time the family passed the most of their summers at "The Maples," near the head of Otsego lake, which was part of the old Wood homestead, and was the home of her father, De los D. Pier, at the time of his death. During the past three years the family has resided in Plainfield, New Jersey. They had three children.

1. JOHN PIER MUNN was born in Chicago, Illinois, October 19th, 1868. He was placed in school at Tivoli-on-the-Hudson, where he completed his education. In the fall of 1887, he entered into business with his uncles, Messrs. G. W. and G. R. Pier, and on the death of the latter, in 1890, succeeded to the position of secretary and treasurer of the Patent Cereal Company, a corporation with \$350,000 capital. As a business man, his success seems assured.

2. FLORENCE ELIZA MUNN was born March 3d, 1871, in Chicago. She died in Utica, N. Y., December 19th, 1874, and was buried in Cooperstown, where her father was afterward placed.

3. THEODORA MUNN was born October 5th, 1878, in Utica, N. Y. She is now living with her mother, in Plainfield, N. J., where she is attending school and making very satisfactory progress.

5. GARRETT RYCKMAN PIER was born in Piers town, Otsego county, N. Y., November 26th, 1846. The following sketch is from the pen of his wife, written since his death:

"His childhood and early life were passed in Coopers-town, and in Brooklyn, where he attended the Polytechnic Institute. In 1861, his father moved to Utica, N. Y., and there his education was continued and ended, at an early age, in the public schools and academy of the city. He was ready to enter college at an unusually early age, but, at his father's wish, entered business life, and went into the hop business with him in Utica, and some years later formed a partnership with his brother, G. W. Pier, both in Utica and New York.

"Business life was not properly congenial to him, as he possessed strong literary tastes and abilities, an ardent love of knowledge, especially in the domain of science and history, and talent for art, music and the languages. His happiest hours, seen as a lad, were spent at the piano, or absorbed in a book, or, more fascinating still, with color box and pencil, sketching from nature; and later, working with art students in the schools and studios of London.

"Had the talent so liberally given him been systematically cultivated, he might have attained to great distinction. But few and short were the hours he was able to devote to these pursuits; they were a rare, but never-failing pleasure through all his busy life. The time so ardently hoped for, when he might freely give himself up to them, never came; for, through business successes, came business cares, increased with them, and the longed-for respite from toil and anxiety was never his. Having entered business life when little better than a lad, he was faithful to its requirements and to his associates, and gave it and them all the best powers of his

brilliant mind, the willing toil of his hand and brain, his time, his energy and strength."

Lack of space forbids giving in full, words written to his friends after his death, from which, however, the following extracts are taken:

"Words of consolation are hard to find, but there are such. Honor, truthfulness, sincerity, courtesy, a sterling business man; a polished gentleman, a true, tried friend."

Also, "My esteem and affection for him were pronounced, and are a living memory. From his first essays in business life, I gave him my full faith, in his integrity, and personal honor. * * His nature was so loyal to such trust, we all knew the confidence was justified."

He traveled in Europe considerably as a young man; and lived for a year or two in London, engaged in profitable work for his firm, passing his leisure hours in art study and in the congenial society of artists and other bright and cultured people.

In 1879, he married in Utica, SARAH M., youngest daughter of John Munn. She was born in Utica, N. Y., March 20th, 1850. After his marriage they lived in that city the next five years. There he had many friends, and, for a part of the year at least, comparative leisure to follow the bent of his mind, and indulge in the delights of music, books and art.

The year 1885-6, he and his wife spent in European travel, and he returned refreshed in mind and body, eager to devote his quickened powers to new enterprises.

New York was then fixed upon as his future home, and the last three years of his life were unceasingly and unsparingly devoted to business toils and cares. The strain was too great; there had been no relaxation for more than three years, and, when attacked by the

"grippe," his system, unfitted by long-continued fatigue, could not throw it off. Pneumonia developed, and, in three days, this "generous," "gifted," "fascinating man," this "true friend," "loyal gentleman," loving brother and devoted husband, passed away from earth. He died as he had lived, bravely, gently, uncomplainingly, unselfishly, without malice, without terror. His last words and thoughts not for himself but for those he was leaving.

He died December 26th, 1889, aged forty-three years and one month.

MARTHA F. PIER was born March 27th, 1849, in Pierstown, Otsego county, N. Y. Was married in Utica, N. Y., February 11th, 1873, to CHARLES W. BUTTERFIELD, who was born in Ottawa, Ill., February 11th, 1847.

He studied and graduated in law, but never practiced. They have resided in Chicago ever since their marriage.

JENNIE MARIA PIER was born in Pierstown, N. Y., January 19th, 1851. Died, January 9th, 1877. Was buried in the cemetery at Cooperstown.

ANNA MARILLA PIER was born in Cooperstown, Otsego county, N. Y., December 24th, 1852. Was married in Calvary church, Utica, N. Y., December 6th, 1876, to CHARLES H. SEARLE, who was born in Leonardsville, N. Y., June 23d, 1841. They had one son.

HOMER W. SEARLE, born in Utica, N. Y., April 5th, 1878.

Mrs. Anna Searle died July 21st, 1879, and was buried in Cooperstown cemetery.



3d. ALBERT A. WOOD was born at the old homestead in Springfield, Otsego county, N. Y., January 11th, 1821. He grew up on the farm, and early became accustomed to its labor. His advantages for schooling were about the same as those of other boys of those times, his arithmetic and spelling book receiving his greatest attention. He remained at the old home until he was about twenty-five years old. His father died when he was eighteen, and, being the oldest son, he carried on the farm for his mother.

In the fall of 1847, he went to Ohio, on a visit, where he remained until spring; then returned to Hemlock Lake, Livingstone, county, and remained during the summer, working on a farm; then returned to his sister Marinda's, in Otsego, where he remained until the fall of 1851.

On November 11th, of the same year, he was married in Otsego, N. Y., to ELVIRA P. STOCKER, who was born November 19th, 1830, in the township of Middlefield, on the east side of Otsego lake, where her father lived for some time after her birth, then moved to the west side of the lake in the town of Otsego, where she lived at the time of her marriage. Her life seemed to be an uneventful one, and nothing worthy of note occurred during her early years. She received a common school education.

After their marriage, he rented a farm in Otsego, and

then bought twenty acres adjoining it and began farming for himself. He continued there some ten years, then rented his farm and went into Springfield, where he purchased a farm which he owned some three years, then sold, and bought one at Richfield Springs, where he lived three years, then again sold out. In 1870 he went to Topeka, Kansas, and near there bought one hundred and twenty acres of land; also, a place in the city. After a stay of two years and a half, he sold out, and returned to Otsego, at the time of his wife's death, which occurred July 6th, 1872. Her remains were placed in the cemetery at Cooperstown.

Since his return to Otsego he has purchased a place of thirty-five acres, which borders the beautiful Otsego lake. Upon it he has built good and substantial buildings, and which has been his home ever since.

Besides engaging extensively in the raising of hops, he has also dealt largely in them, in all of which he has been quite successful; and while enjoying his comfortable and pleasantly-situated home, which is the result of an active and busy life, he feels at times the loneliness of his situation, since by his wife's death he is left to enjoy it alone. They had two children.

FRANK C. WOOD was born in the township of Otsego, Otsego county, N. Y., December 23d, 1853. He lived with his father on the farm about ten years; he then attended school at Richfield and Springfield about six years; then accompanied his father to Topeka, Kansas, where he attended the Western Business College, and graduated therefrom.

On his return to New York, he engaged in business in Utica, in the buying and selling of hops. While there he was married to ADA SHARP, August 23rd, 1876. He remained in Utica until the death of

his wife, March 6th, 1877, and then returned to Otsego, and remained with his father one year.

April 10th, 1878, he was married to M. ADELE HOKE, who was born in Otsego, N. Y., July 10th, 1851. She was a farmer's daughter; was born and brought up on the farm, in her native township.

After their marriage he purchased the old Wood homestead, which has been held in the Wood family for over a century. He still resides on the farm and is successful in his business operations. They have two children.

BERTIE P. WOOD was born in Otsego, Otsego county, N. Y., January 26th, 1876.

LOOMIS B. WOOD was born in Springfield, Otsego county, N. Y., May 2d, 1881.

ETTA L. WOOD, daughter of Albert and Elvira Wood, was born in Otsego, N. Y., December 8th, 1860. Her home was with her father in the different changes made in the place of home, until she was married. She had good school privileges, having attended four years the Granger Place School at Canandaigua, N. Y., a school for young ladies.

She was married at her father's home, in Otsego, N. Y., December 14th, 1881, to WILLIAM P. SHULTS, who was born November 19th, 1854, at Johnstown, Fulton county, N. Y. He was raised a farmer and has followed the same occupation ever since their marriage. They have one daughter.

JANE E. SHULTS was born in Otsego, Otsego county, N. Y., May 11th, 1885.



4th. JOSEPH WOOD, 2d, was born December 23d, 1823, in Springfield, Otsego county, N. Y., on the old homestead, where his early life was spent. He obtained a good education by attending, first, the district school, then Cherry Valley academy.

In 1846, when he was twenty-three years old, assisted by his mother, he purchased his brother Albert's interest in the home farm, where he continued to live, and later on, owned the whole farm. Besides carrying on his farming interests, he engaged in buying hops of the growers, and then selling them in New York city. He lived respected and honored by all who knew him. His death occurred very suddenly: while at dinner table he was stricken with apoplexy, and, in about an hour, was dead. He died August 11th, 1875, on the old farm on which he was born. Was buried in Lakewood cemetery, at Cooperstown.

He was married November 21st, 1850, to MARY MARSHALL, at her grandfather's home in Warren, Herkimer county, N. Y. She was born at the place of her marriage, December 15th, 1827. Her father died when she was quite young, leaving her to the care of her grandfather, John Marshall, who was a soldier under General Washington, during the Revolutionary war. He was a farmer by occupation.

Not having any great labor to perform at her grandfather's, she had a good opportunity for attending school, of which she took advantage, and attended at Franklin, N. Y. Since the death of her husband she has resided on her place in Springfield, and still has some of her children with her. They had six children.

RODELL A. WOOD was born March 17th, 1852, in Springfield, Otsego county, N. Y., on the farm, where he lived until he was past eighteen years of age; then made a trip to his Uncle Albert Wood's, in Topeka,

Kansas. He remained there during the summer, and in the fall returned and went to New York city, and engaged in buying and selling hops, with Pier Brothers.

He was married March 4th, 1879, in Elizabeth N. J., to LIZZIE H. VAN TASSEL*, who was born in Brooklyn, N. Y., September 9th, 1856. She is third in a family of six children. Her father belonged to the old Knickerbocker family, one of the oldest in New York. He is a woolen merchant in the city. Her education was principally obtained in Brooklyn. She graduated at Mrs. Reid's Preparatory School, in Elizabeth, N. J.

In the spring of 1890 they were living in Elizabeth, N. J., and he was engaged in the hop business with a firm in New York city. They have two children.

FLORENCE ELIZABETH WOOD was born June 9th, 1880, in Elizabeth, N. J.

HELEN E. WOOD was born July 29th, 1881, in Elizabeth, N. J.

MARTHA IOLA WOOD was born in Springfield, on the old homestead, July 20th, 1854. She lived at home until she was sixteen years old; then went to Utica, to live with her Uncle Delos Pier, and attend school. She afterward returned to Cooperstown, where, on September 2d, 1874, she was married to CLARENCE M. BATES, who was born in Cherry Valley, Otsego county, N. Y., December 19th, 1853. His early life was passed in the vicinity of his birth, where he attended school, obtaining his education at Cherry Valley Academy, and Eastman's Business College, at Poughkeepsie, N. Y.

When sixteen years old he became a clerk in a railroad office for six months, and then attended school again; after which, for a time, he was engaged as a telegraph operator. When he was twenty he com-

menced the study of law in his father's office, and has since become a practicing attorney and counselor at law. Besides his law business he is engaged to a certain extent in farming, making the raising of hops a specialty. The citizens of his township have four times elected him to the office of assessor. One term he served as chairman of the board of supervisors of the county. Twice he has received the nomination for member of the assembly, but was defeated each time, as the opposition party was strongly in the ascendancy. At a recent election he ran for probate judge, but was again defeated for the same reason. He now holds the office of postmaster in the village of Cherry Valley. They have one daughter.

MARIE LOUISE BATES, born March 9th, 1878, in Cherry Valley, N. Y.

LIZZIE WOOD was born in Springfield, Otsego county, N. Y., February 10th, 1857. She lived at home until she was eleven years old, then went to live with her Grandmother Wood, in Cooperstown, where she remained some three years, and attended school. She then returned home and remained until her marriage, November 13th, 1878, at Springfield Center, to CHARLES P. STANNARD, who was born in Warren, Herkimer county, N. Y., March 28th, 1856, where his early life was passed on the farm on which he was born. His education was obtained at the district school. He is still a farmer, and carries on the same farm he settled on at the time of his marriage. They have one son.

ARTHUR C. STANNARD was born December 22d, 1879, in Warren, Herkimer county, N. Y.

JOSEPH WOOD, Jr., was born March 5th, 1859, in Springfield, N. Y. He remained on the farm until he

was nineteen years old, then went to New York city, and engaged with the Pier Brothers in the hop business, and remained with them until the spring of 1890. At present writing he has moved with his family to San Francisco, Cal., and is engaged in the same business, in a branch house operated by Horst Brothers of New York.

He was married _____ to _____, and resided in Jersey City before going to the Pacific coast.

EFFIE WOOD was born in Springfield, N. Y., September 26th, 1866. She remained at home until she was sixteen, when she went to Elizabeth, N. J., to attend high school; there remained three years, fitting herself for the work of school teaching, which she intends to follow. After her return home she obtained a school and was engaged in teaching in the spring of 1890.

OLIN WOOD was born November 11th, 1870, at the old home in Springfield, Otsego county. His health being quite poor during his early years, he remained at home almost continually, not being able to engage in heavy labor until he was past eighteen. Since then he has engaged in working out from home. He still makes his home with his mother in Springfield township.



5th. MARTHA C. WOOD was born December 19th, 1829, on the old Wood homestead, in Springfield, Otsego county, N. Y., where her early life and youth were

passed in about the same manner as that of her sisters. She received a good education and was teaching school, when taken sick and had to give it up. Her disease seemed to be a nervous prostration, brought on by a visit to one of her scholars, who was very sick and in great pain. She lingered several months and died March 8th, 1851. She rests with others of her family in Coopers-town cemetery.



6th. MARIA R. WOOD was born in Springfield township, Otsego county, N. Y., February 14th, 1834. Her father died when she was scarcely four years old. As her mother continued living on the farm, she found a home with her there until she was married. Her health during her early years was very poor at times. On one occasion, being very feeble from long-continued ill health, her mother took her on a trip into Ohio, with horse and carriage, which proved very beneficial to her health, as she returned home quite restored. On July 5th, 1865, she was married in Springfield, in her mother's doorway, beneath the shade of a locust tree, which she, with her own hands, in youth, had planted, to JESSE D. VAN DERWERKEN, who was born in Waterford, Saratoga county, N. Y., October 17th, 1824. He was the only son in a family of six children. When he was yet a child his parents moved to Princeton, Schenectady county, where they lived upon a farm. He remained with them there, helping in the work of the farm; and attended the district school. About the time he became of age he began business for himself as a commercial traveler, which business he followed several years, traveling quite extensively, as his work called him into twenty-three different states. He gave up the business

when he became proprietor of the Otego House, in Otego, N. Y. in February, 1880. He has always been very fond of horses and was ever known and recognized as a trainer and driver of the first class. The following is from the *Freeman's Journal*, a paper published in Cooperstown, N. Y.:

"After an illness of about a month, Mrs. Maria R., wife of Jesse D. Van Derwerken, of Otego, on September 6th, 1890, departed this life, in the fifty-seventh year of her age, leaving her husband and one son to mourn their loss. As a wife and mother she was to them all that those tender words imply; and by friends and neighbors she will also be greatly missed. She was a daughter of the late Joseph Wood, of Springfield. After their marriage, Mr. and Mrs. Van Derwerken for several years resided in Cooperstown, where they have many friends. The remains were brought to Cooperstown on Saturday for interment in Lakewood cemetery."

The son, WOOD D. VAN DERWERKEN, was born August 31st, 1871, at Cooperstown, N. Y. His early life was passed in the place of his birth. He was about eight years of age when his parents moved to Otego, where he has had the advantages of good schools. These he has improved, and, after passing through the several departments, in the spring of 1890, was contemplating the study of law in some higher institution of learning. The death of his mother, soon after, may have affected his plans. In the autumn of 1891 he attended the meeting of the Olin family, at Bennington, and, in a few remarks, paid a kindly tribute to the memory of his beloved mother.



DIVISION 4TH.

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**Families and Descendants**  
**OF**  
**ARVIN OLIN BRANCH.**

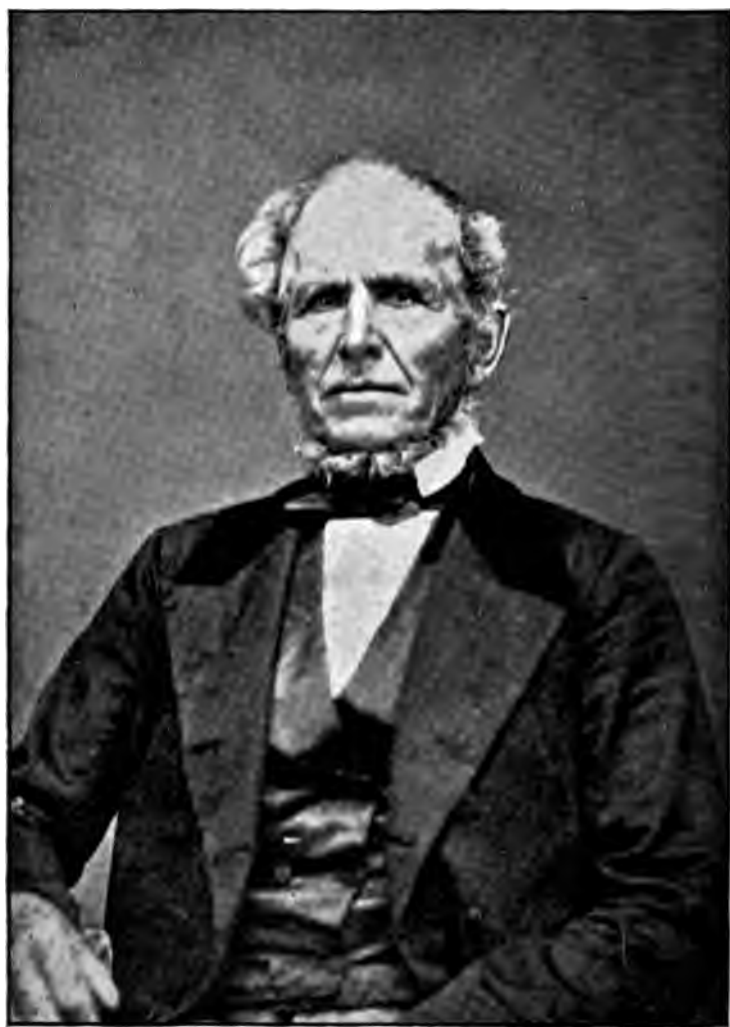


ARVIN OLIN, a son of Ezra and Ruth Olin, was born in Shaftsbury, Vermont, July 13th, 1797. The history of his early life is best given in his autobiography, and read by himself on his Golden Wedding Anniversary. He said:

“As we assemble on this 9th day of March, 1867, to celebrate the fiftieth anniversary of our wedding day, the ‘golden wedding,’ as it is generally called, it may be appropriate to give a short history of my parentage, marriage, and success in life.

“I was born in the township of Shaftsbury, Bennington county, Vermont, the 13th day of July, 1797. My parents were not wealthy, and as they raised a large family of children—fourteen in number, nine sons and five daughters—they were subjected to hard labor and economy and brought up their children in the same way. The children all lived to be men and women, marry, settle in life, have children, some of them large families.

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ARVIN OLIN.





GETSY BENNETT-OLIN.







All of them succeeded in acquiring a comfortable property, and some of them became the possessors of considerable wealth. But what is better than mere earthly treasure, all were persons of good moral character. No one has been guilty of any criminal offense. Profanity and intemperance have been avoided by all; and all have earned the reputation of honest, industrious and worthy citizens. As I have intimated, my parents were poor, but industrious, and they were careful to teach their children to be industrious and economical.

"At the age of thirteen I was hired out to a farmer for some seven months of the summer season; and this course was pursued each year until I was nineteen years old, my father receiving from seven to sixteen dollars per month for my labor. During a part of each winter I was allowed to attend school. When I was nineteen my father permitted me to manage for myself. The first summer I worked for a farmer for sixteen dollars per month. I desired to attend school during the winter, but as I had well improved my time and the limited opportunities I possessed, some of my friends thought I was qualified to teach. The suggestion was favorably received, as I could earn wages and also increase my fund of knowledge and experience. Employment in a district school for three months was secured. I assumed the duties of teacher, and my school passed very pleasantly. I had some very good scholars. Among the number was *one* to whom I was especially attached. After earnest consultation we agreed to enter into a life partnership, and this arrangement was consummated on the 9th day of March, 1817. And she, that was Betsy Bennett, has since been my faithful companion in all life's duties and changes.

"Having then a partner, at the close of my school, I sought further employment. Not meeting with success

in that place, on the 18th day of March, 1817, I shouldered my knapsack and started in pursuit of employment and a home. .

"After a fatiguing journey, on foot, of three hundred miles, I arrived in Perry, then Genesee county, New York, where an elder brother had settled the year previous. With his assistance, I bargained for fifty acres of land, on which some small improvements had been made. Six acres had been cleared and a small house erected. I think that the price agreed upon was some thirteen hundred dollars, all of which was on the credit system, for I had no money to pay. I remained there through the season, working, some of the time on my land, and some of the time for wages.

"Having made some small preparations for living, in September of the same year, in the same manner that I came, I returned for my partner.

"About the first of October of the same year, we packed what few things we had been able to obtain for housekeeping into a two-horse wagon, which I had hired for that purpose, and ourselves and teamster getting aboard, we started for the far West, as it was then called, and arrived at my small cabin in the woods the 20th of the same month.

"By this time the small amount of money which I had been able to accumulate, in the short time that I had managed for myself, was all spent. We were in the wilderness, some distance from neighbors, with only a small stock of provisions for the winter; in fact, destitute of almost everything except good health. With a good stock of that on hand and a resolute disposition, we went to work to get a living.

"The next year, 1818, my brother Samuel came to Perry. He was four years older than I, and had some small means. We entered into an agreement to work

together, he taking "one-half of my fifty acres. We worked together for three years and succeeded in paying for the land. I then sold to him and found myself the possessor of about three hundred dollars. I then bargained for another fifty acres in that vicinity, on which were some improvements. I took possession and went to work. At the end of six years we had our fifty acres paid for, and something more. I then sold my farm and purchased another near by of one hundred and five acres. We remained on this eight years, erected buildings and otherwise improved it. During that time we added one hundred and five acres, making my farm consist of two hundred and ten acres. Being considerably in debt for my last purchase, I concluded to sell out and try my fortune farther west.

"Having sold my property and settled my business, on the 22d day of November, 1834, we packed our goods into two wagons (one a hired one), and started on our journey, and in ten days, arrived where we now are. We have now (March 9th, 1867), been here thirty-two years; and with our trials, hardships, prosperity and varied success, many of you are familiar."

BETSY BENNETT was born in the township of Bennington, Vermont, February 6th, 1801. She lived with her father, who was a farmer, in Bennington, until after she was married and ready to move to her new home in western New York.

She attended the district school, and was the favorite scholar at the time it was taught by Arvin Olin, of Shaftsbury. Her marriage took place in Bennington, and until her husband's return in the autumn, she was busily engaged in spinning, weaving, and making articles for use in her western home.

After their removal from Perry, they purchased a farm in Franklin township, Portage county, Ohio. And

in the spring following their arrival they began building a new brick house, which was completed and occupied that season. And since then many other improvements have been made in the clearing up of the land, and in the erection of good and convenient buildings. In his farming pursuits he was very successful, and was one of those who secured a competency.

As a man and a citizen he stood in the foremost ranks. Clear in thought and sound in judgment, his advice was often sought upon important matters. And the thought that he was useful to his fellow-men gave him great pleasure. He was ever true to the principles which he considered right and just, whether of a political or religious nature. He was frequently chosen by citizens of his township to some office of trust or responsibility. Among others was the office of justice of the peace, which he held for nine years, and then refused a re-election. I remember of hearing a conversation between him and a neighbor, who seemed to be complaining because he was often called upon to hold some office, and he, the neighbor, was not. "Why," said the neighbor, "I have lived in this town for twenty-five years and have never yet had an office." To which came the reply, "*I have lived here longer than that and never wanted one,*" which was very true, as he never sought after position.

In his younger days he organized a Sunday school, in his neighborhood, which he carried on successfully for several years. He was ever ready and eager to enter into discussion of Bible questions, in sustaining the doctrine which, from the honest convictions of his mind, he believed to be true. And his love for the excitement of debate would prompt him to challenge, or accept a challenge, to discussion of doctrinal points; and the opposition never found it an easy task.

A short time before his last illness, while his thoughts

were dwelling on the subject, he wrote the following, which were the last words his pen ever traced:

"I have been an unwavering believer in the doctrine of the final holiness and happiness of all mankind for many years. It has cheered me in prosperity, and in adversity and bereavement it has comforted and consoled me. My reasons for thus believing I derive from reason and revelation. Reason teaches me that God would not, with his wisdom, power and goodness, create man that he might be eternally the loser by his existence. It is said that he created man for his pleasure. 'For his pleasure they are and were created.' Now, to suppose that God will take pleasure in the endless misery of a portion of his creation, would be absurd in the extreme. Yet, if this doctrine is true, and we must admit it, or conclude that God will be disappointed, which would be equally as absurd.

"Thus reason teaches me that God will eventually purify and save all the children of his creation.

"And what do the scriptures teach? They teach us that it is God's will that all should be saved and come to the knowledge of the truth. And further, that he will do his will in the armies of heaven and among the inhabitants of the earth; and still further, in Isaiah, 45th chapter, 23d and 24th verses: 'I have sworn by myself, the word has gone out of my mouth in righteousness, and shall not return, That unto me every knee shall bow, every tongue shall swear. Surely, shall one say, In the Lord have I righteousness and strength.' Who will doubt the ability of God to accomplish his will and purpose?

"And Christ says, 'I, if I be lifted up from the earth, will draw all men unto me;' and again, 'Him that cometh to me I will in no wise cast out.' Now, we see in this declaration that Christ makes one condition only;

and that is, if he is raised from the dead; and does any Christian doubt that?

"But it is evident that there is sin and iniquity in the world, and it is just and proper that the transgression should be punished. I have, therefore, sought to find some instruction on this subject; and where should we more naturally go than to the history of the transgression of our first parents, Adam and Eve? There we find a very minute account of their transgression and their punishment, all of which we find to be limited to this life. I think no one can doubt this who carefully reads the history of their transgression and their punishment. So, also, with Cain, who slew his brother."

In a work like this it is necessary to pass over many events that would add greatly to its interest. So, in looking over the last few years of his life, after his wedding anniversary, they appear to have been passed in a quiet and enjoyable manner. The superintending and looking after the farm and other interests still received his attention. But to other hands was committed the labor which he had never hesitated to perform; and, with his remarkable endurance and vitality, the amount of hard labor he had performed in his lifetime is both wonderful and surprising.

June 7th, 1870, marks the limit of his years. Surrounded by a large number of his own kindred, and by neighbors and friends, he was borne to his last resting place, in the beautiful township cemetery, where, in the family lot, and under the shadow of the tall marble shaft, which he, with his own hands, helped to rear, he rests in peace.

From his newly-made grave his companion returns to to her lonely home, feeling that ere long another mound will appear there in the burying ground, and underneath another form will be resting by his side. Already the

conflict with the fell destroyer has begun, and *cancer*, with its relentless grasp, is sapping the very life-blood. A few months passed in intense suffering and pain and then there assemble at the old homestead another sad company. Another form is borne away to the cemetery, and this record is made:

"Betsy Olin, wife of Arvin Olin, died January 5th, 1872, aged seventy years and eleven months."

They had thirteen children.

1st. CYNTHIA OLIN was born in Perry, N. Y., December 1st, 1818. Died January 1st, 1819. Was buried in Perry Center.

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2nd. MARY ROSETTA OLIN was born in Perry, Wyoming county, N. Y., February 22nd, 1820.

Her early life was passed in quite a different manner than that of girls at the present day. Her school days were not numerous, and were among those of her earlier years. She took music lessons, 'tis true, but she performed on old fashioned instruments, which have long since gone out of use. Yet the "little wheel," the "big wheel" and the loom had a mission to perform, which, in their time, was almost indispensable. And now, we say, All honor to the girls who knew how, and were not afraid to use them.

She accompanied her parents on their removal to Ohio, and rendered valuable service in the home while the new house was being built. She did not remain at home long to enjoy it; her parents having just moved into it, she took occasion to celebrate the event by her wedding, which occurred November 29th, 1835. On that day she was married to JAMES D. HAYMAKER, whose life sketch and history is here presented:

His parents, Frederic and Rachel Davis Haymaker,

were natives of Pennsylvania, and moved to the township of Franklin, Portage county, Ohio, in the spring of 1808, which was about the time of their marriage. The subject of this sketch was born on the banks of the Cuyahoga river, near the point where Captain Samuel Brady made his famous leap, when pursued by the Indians, some eighteen years before. There, in a little cabin, built by a band of surveyors, he was born, September 2nd, 1809.

About ten days after his birth his mother died, thus leaving her little infant to the care of his father, who soon took him to Pennsylvania, to the home of his grandfather, where he remained until he was ten years old; he then returned to live with his father, who was married again, and was living at Brady's Run, on the Big Beaver river, in Beaver county, Penn.

Four years afterward, or in 1823, his father moved with his family back to Franklin Mills, as it was then called, but now known as Kent, Ohio. He there improved what little opportunity he had for attending school. But he being the only one at home who was about the right age to do all manner of "running," his chances for obtaining much of an education, were thus limited, and he grew into manhood without having secured much knowledge of school books.

After a stay in Franklin of two years, he went into the woolen factory, there to learn a trade. He worked there, in the factory, the next four years, when he engaged in the business of making patent wooden pails, which were turned from solid blocks. He also made tubs and wooden ware. This business engaged his attention about two years, when, learning that an aunt of his, living at Fairport, Ohio, desired his assistance in carrying on the "tavern" business, he left his work in Franklin and remained with his aunt two years.



In the spring of 1834 he "settled" on the place that he owned as long as he lived. This, his first purchase, consisted of eighty-eight acres, of entirely new land, not a stick having been cut. In order to be near his land, which he began clearing, he moved into the most convenient place that afforded shelter and a place to stay in, which was a little log house, near where Arvin Olin's cider mill was afterward built. There he lived with his sister, Rachel, who kept house for him.

In the fall of 1834 his log cabin was needed for a school house. He then moved into a little house over on the east side of Muddy pond, or Stratton's pond, as it was afterward called. This place was something over a mile from his work, and in getting there he had a low marsh to cross; and many a time during the winter, he would break through the ice, his clothing become wet and soon frozen; but with him there was no turning back; the heat from the burning log heaps would soon thaw, and finally dry them out. Thus he passed the time during the winter and following spring, until the 6th day of June, 1835. Having cleared a space sufficient, his house and barn were raised. It was then, and long afterward, a common saying that James Haymaker's raising was the *first* "cold water raising," or the first where liquor was not furnished for the men. Although water was furnished to satisfy thirst, yet an abundance was provided to satisfy their hunger.

The next day after the "raising," having fair prospects of a house soon, he began at once to plan, exercising that remarkable forethought which was ever characteristic of the man, to secure for himself a housekeeper. A young lady, who lived near by, was invited out for a pleasure ride, and the acquaintance thus begun soon ripened into a friendship that continued through life.

In July following he moved into his new house, which was then enclosed. His sister still resided with him until his marriage, in November.

In 1836 he made a purchase of about twenty-three acres of adjoining land, at twenty-three dollars per acre. Thus he kept adding to his farm, as opportunity offered, a piece of five, ten, or more acres, until it amounted to two hundred and fifty acres. For some of his land he paid as much as one hundred dollars per acre, it being the same which, in the year 1834, he made a bargain for at four dollars per acre, but through some irregularity he let the opportunity pass with above result.

In the year 1851, having bought out his neighbor, David Longcoy, he moved from the house he built into the one he purchased, which was his home during the remaining years of his life.

A notable event in their history was that of their "golden wedding" anniversary, when over two hundred friends responded to invitations sent out, and nine of their ten surviving children were present. The congratulation of their friends, the bestowal of beautiful gifts, sweet music, poetry and song, with the beauty and fragrance of flowers, all united in making the occasion a long-remembered and happy one.

He very much enjoyed, and was greatly interested in the success of the Olin reunions, and attended them as long as his health permitted.

With long continued failing health he was brought down gradually to the closing scenes of life, which ended gently and peacefully, January 31st, 1889.

They have had thirteen children.

1. FRANKLIN HAYMAKER was born in Franklin, Portage county, Ohio, December 16th, 1836. While playing with a small car, used by the men in building the railroad near their home, he accidentally fell

in front of the wheels, which injured one of his limbs in such a manner that in a few days death ensued, April 30th, 1851. He, with other dead of the family, rests in Standing Rock cemetery.

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OSCAR F. HAYMAKER was born in Franklin, Portage county, Ohio, May 21st, 1838. He was brought up on the old farm and his early life was a rigid discipline of hard work. The old brick school-house in the district witnessed his early struggles to fill his mind with educational ideas. Three or four months of a winter term, each year, at the district school, with two terms of "select school" in the village, then called Franklin Mills, filled the measure of his school advantages to the time that he was eighteen, when he taught his first term of school. He continued teaching winters for thirty consecutive years, with the exception of the years 1879 and 1880, when himself and wife held the positions of steward and matron at Buchtel college, Akron, Ohio. Fourteen terms he taught in his home district of Earlville, the school varying from sixty to thirty scholars. The Kent Union school and the Streetsboro township high school, were embraced in his teaching, besides the district schools in the vicinity of his home. From his universal success as teacher he received the *sobriquet* of "Old Reliable."

From personal knowledge and experience the writer cannot refrain from speaking of those pleasant and profitable hours he has passed while under "our subject's" instruction in the old school-house at Earlville.

He remained on the farm with his father until he was twenty-four, his father paying him wages after he was of age.

In the spring of 1862, in company with his brother-in-law, Stephen H. Green, he began working a farm of one hundred and sixty-two acres, which they had bought during the winter.

On May 21st, 1862, he was married in Philadelphia, Penn., on what was afterward the Centennial ground, to MARY S. BURLINGAME, who was born June 26th, 1842, in Newberry, Geauga county, Ohio.

Her father was a practicing physician. When she was nine years old her father moved to Streetsboro Center, Portage county, where he continued to practice until his death, April 1st, 1860.

She was an only daughter, but had two younger half-brothers. She received a common school education, besides two terms of select school in Kent, and one term at Streetsboro, taught by Elder Chapman.

After their marriage they lived on the farm that was first purchased, four years. In the spring of 1866 they sold out, and then moved on to his father's farm, which he worked on shares for three years; then purchased a farm of one hundred and fifty-eight acres in the north part of Franklin, to which he has since added twenty-eight acres more. This place is still their home, on which they have made many improvements, as a fine residence and very large barn testify.

Now, that the tide of life has borne him on where its shadows begin to lengthen, he might review the past with a feeling of just pride, as to him have been offered unsought many places of trust and positions of honor, which he has ever filled with faithfulness and fidelity.

Of his public services he was engaged fourteen years as a member of the Portage County Board of School Examiners, and retired, of his own accord, at the close of his last term, August 31st, 1890.

Twice he served his township as Assessor, and is now

serving his second term as President of the Portage County Horticultural Society, an organization of about two hundred members, which has had a phenomenal success for thirteen years. The farmers of his county have once called him to fill the office of President of the Portage County Farmers' Institute.

In the fall of 1890 he was elected to one of the highest offices in the county, viz.: County Commissioner. In his election his standing or popularity is shown by the fact that in his own township the opposition party, on the main ticket, polled twenty-four majority; *this* was overcome, however, and his *majority* numbered one hundred and forty-seven more votes than his competitor.

The confidence reposed in him by his grandfather and grandmother, Olin, in calling upon him to settle their separate estates, he feels has bestowed upon him an honor which he received with no little pride, and for which he is profoundly grateful. He was also called upon to assist in settling his father's estate, all of which seems to have been done in a just and satisfactory manner. Yet one of the great events of his life, the remembrance of which affords him the greatest of pleasure, was the honor of the presidency of the Second Olin Reunion, where over four hundred of his kindred were assembled to exchange kindly greetings and strengthen their love fraternal.

Whatever success he has gained in life, we venture to say, has been reached through that one fixed principle, which he very modestly referred to, that he had "simply aimed to be *trustworthy*."

They have three daughters and one adopted son.

IDA A. HAYMAKER was born in Franklin township, Portage county, Ohio, February 27th, 1863. During her early years she was an attendant at Earlville district school. When she was seventeen she attended

Buchtel College three years, it being the time that her father and mother were engaged there.

On December 2nd, 1882, she was married, at her father's home in Franklin, to FRANK A. MERRILL. He was born in Franklin, Ohio, November 25th, 1859.

He was brought up on the farm, and at first received a good common school education; and then for a time pursued his studies and recited to a tutor in Kent. He then began a course in Western Reserve College at Hudson, and engaged in teaching in order to defray his expenses. He was obliged, finally, to cease attending school on account of his eyes failing. He was engaged some three years in working his father's farm. Since he became of age he has devoted his time, principally, to teaching. At present time he is engaged teaching the high school in Ravenna, Ohio.

They have four children.

GRACE E. MERRILL, born in Franklin, Ohio, September 13th, 1883.

MARY GLADYS MERRILL, born in Franklin, Ohio, February 24th, 1887.

MARY B. MERRILL, born in Ravenna, Ohio, October 31st, 1889.

MARGARET MERRILL, born in Ravenna, Portage county, Ohio, April 24th, 1891.

2. CORA M. HAYMAKER, was born in Franklin township, October 15th, 1864. She attended the district school at Earlville, when it was taught for several terms by her father; she also attended school in Kent one year, and then three years at Buchtel College in Akron.

She was married at her father's home in Franklin, August 4th, 1886, to ELMER E. FRANCE, who was born in Franklin, Ohio, April 22nd, 1863. His father, at that

time, resided on a farm, where he remained some five years. He then sold the farm and engaged in the real estate business, in Kent, for a time, and then entered into the mercantile business there.

The son bought out the father's business in 1883, and still continues to carry it on.

They have two children.

CARL H. FRANCE, born in Kent, Ohio, June 8th, 1887.

MARJORY B. FRANCE, born in Kent, Ohio, January 12th, 1891.

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LILLIE E. HAYMAKER, was born in Franklin, Portage county, Ohio, September 25th, 1866. Like her sisters, she attended the school in Earlville; and then College at Akron, three years, with one year's previous attendance at the high schools of the city.

She was married March 11th, 1891, at her father's home in Franklin, to HERBERT A. SWAN, who was born in Everett, Summit county, Ohio, January 20th, 1866. His father was a farmer, and his son has always followed the same occupation.

When about a year old his father moved onto a farm in the southwest part of Streetsboro, where he lived some five years; then moved into Kent, where he resided a few years; then moved out onto a farm he had purchased, about a mile from town, which was his home until his marriage. He was educated, principally, in the schools of Kent, Ohio. After their marriage they moved onto a farm of ninety acres, one-half of which he now owns, in the southwest part of Streetsboro township, Ohio. He is now engaged in working the place with the intention of securing the other half of the farm in the near future.

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EDWARD C. HAYMAKER, their adopted son, was secured through the Cleveland Orphan Asylum, and adopted by them December 31st, 1882, he then being seven years old. He receives, and is entitled to, all the rights and privileges of their home, the same as their other children.

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3. RACHEL D. HAYMAKER was born in Franklin, Portage county, Ohio, May 17th, 1840. Her early life was passed in her father's home. Being the eldest daughter, her services seemed always needed there. Her education was obtained at the district school, with one term at select school, at Kent, taught by Buel Whitney.

She was married in her father's home in Franklin, on August 20th, 1868, to MCKENDREE D. NORTON, who was born in the town of Wadsworth, Medina county, Ohio, March 6th, 1836. He was about six months old when they moved into Brimfield, Portage county, and after remaining for a time, his father moved into Edinburg, same county, where he bought a small farm, and remained some eleven years. He then sold and removed into Franklin township, when the subject of this sketch was nearly thirteen years old. There they were engaged in farming and raising small fruit. In the autumn of 1859 his father sold out and removed onto a farm in Brimfield. This farm he worked for his father on shares, until he enlisted to serve in the army three years, or during the war. He was mustered into the service at Columbus, Ohio, as a member of the 9th Ohio Volunteer Artillery. His company soon moved into Kentucky, opposite Cincinnati, where they remained on detached service for a time. They then moved on to Lexington, and then Dansville, where they were frequently



called out on service. While there they received orders to move to Louisville, and there took transport down the river, to mouth of the Cumberland, and then up to Nashville, Tenn. From there they were called to Franklin, Tenn.; then back to Tryune, to intercept the rebel general, Van Dorn's, command. Again returned to Franklin. From there they joined General Rosecrans' forces in his march toward Chattanooga, and finally reached Murfreesboro, Tenn., from which point Gen. Rosecrans made his advance movements for Chattanooga, through Gray's Gap, where they rescued Pauline Cushman, the celebrated Union spy, and then on to Tullahoma, where their forced march of seventeen days and nights was completed. They remained at Tullahoma until the spring of 1864, then marched to Bridgeport, Alabama, where they remained until the close of the war, being mustered out of service at Chattanooga, Tenn., June 16, 1865. During the greater part of the time he served as non-commissioned officer. After leaving the army he returned to the farm in Brimfield, where he remained until the spring of 1870. He then rented Arvin Olin's farm one year, after which he worked one year by the month on the farm. In December, 1871, they moved on to their father Haymaker's place, where they remained until the spring of 1873, when they purchased a farm in the north part of Franklin, which has been their home ever since. They have had one child, MARY JENNETT NORTON, was born in Franklin, Ohio, January 28, 1874. She died August 20, 1876. Was buried in Standing Rock Cemetery.

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4. ANN M. HAYMAKER was born in Franklin, Portage county, Ohio, May 15th, 1842. She lived with her parents in the "old red home by the railroad," until

they moved into the home they purchased of Mr. Longcoy. Her life has been purely a domestic one, having always been devoted to domestic duties. She had the advantage of a common school education, besides a couple of terms of select-school in Franklin village. She was married at home on Thanksgiving day, November 28, 1861, to STEPHEN H. GREEN, who was born October 28, 1838, in the township of Franklin, Portage county, Ohio. His early life was passed upon the farm where he was born. His education was obtained at the district school, and then a few terms of select school in the village. Just before he was nineteen, he left home to work by the month, which he continued to do until he was twenty-three.

In the spring of 1862, in company with his brother-in-law, O. F. Haymaker, they purchased the farm of G. R. C. Adams, which they worked in company four years and then sold out. He then bought a farm of 167 acres in the south part of Streetsboro, which he has continued to work and improve to the present time. Being a keen observer and good, practical farmer, he has succeeded in business and been enabled to build for himself a nice home. His judgment is frequently sought in business matters. From his fun-loving nature he is frequently involved in some sort of joke, which he keenly relishes; and whether given or received it is all the same. They have five children:

1. CARRIE R. GREEN was born in Franklin Ohio, October 17, 1863. Besides her attendance at the district school, she attended Kent Union School three terms. Was married at her father's home in Streetsboro, May 2nd, 1883, to ELWOOD H. BOSWORTH, who was born in Newberry, Geauga county, Ohio, March 26, 1861. He was brought up on the farm. Lived in Newberry until the fall of 1866, when the family moved into the

east part of Streetsboro township. After his marriage, he moved onto the homestead, a farm of 117 acres, which he has taken charge of and is carrying on successfully. His father died about the time of the son's marriage. They have two children, RENA BOSWORTH, born in Streetsboro, Ohio, August 1st, 1886; ANNA GRACE BOSWORTH, born April 2nd, 1889, in Streetsboro, Ohio.

2. LUELLA E. GREEN was born in Streetsboro, Portage county, Ohio, March 27th, 1866. She had a pleasant home with her parents, from which she was scarcely absent any length of time, until after her marriage. She attended the district school where she obtained her education. She was married at home, September 17th, 1884, to OSCAR G. SELDEN, who was born in Hudson, Ohio, June 30th, 1863. He was the youngest of a family of four boys, and was raised on the farm. His father died when he was 8 years old, and his mother died two years later. As an orphan he was dependent on others for a home. He then went to live with a Mr. Chandler; but he soon afterward lost his wife and children with the diphtheria, which left him again without a home. He then found a home with Schuyler Chamberlain, where he remained and engaged in farm work until he was seventeen. He then went to the center of Streetsboro to learn the blacksmith's trade, which occupation he still follows, having bought out his employer; he continues business in the old place. They have two children, Howard James Selden, born in Streetsboro, Ohio, February 24th, 1886; Anna Maria Selden, born in Streetsboro, March 14th, 1889.

3. OTIS H. GREEN, was born in Streetsboro, Ohio, August 10th, 1870. At present writing he is still at home with his father, not having engaged in any business for himself.

4. MARY A. GREEN, born February 7th, 1874, in Streetsboro, Ohio. Is attending the schools in Kent.

5. WILBER S. GREEN, born in Streetsboro, July 28th, 1876.

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5. ARVIN O. HAYMAKER, was born in Franklin, Portage county Ohio, April 5th, 1844. He was brought up on the farm, and still follows a farmer's occupation. His education was obtained at the district school, with one term at Mount Union College. When he became of age he rented and worked his father's farm one year. On April 5th, 1866, he was married to HATTIE E. NORTON, at her home in Brimfield, Ohio. She was born in Edinburg, Portage county, Ohio, September 3, 1846. She remained with her parents during her early years, through the different changes they made in their place of home, until her marriage. They then moved onto their farm of 137 acres, which had been purchased a short time before, in the north part of Franklin township, which place was her home until her death, which occurred April 7th, 1869. She was laid in the family lot in Standing Rock cemetery. She had two children. CHARLES A. HAYMAKER, was born in Franklin, Ohio, October 26, 1867. His home has been with his father to the present time, with the exception of the summer of 1889, when he worked out by the month. He has given considerable time in obtaining an education, having attended the district school; then passed two years in Kent Union School, and has since been several terms at Ohio Wesleyan University, at Delaware, Ohio; HATTIE E. HAYMAKER was born in Franklin, Ohio, March 29th, 1869. Her mother died when she was but nine days old. Her grandmother Norton then received her into her home, where she remained until after she was six-

teen. Her grandparents then breaking up housekeeping, she returned to her father's home, where she still resides. After attending the district-school, and at Kent, she is taking a course at the University at Delaware.

Arvin O. Haymaker was again married, May 26th, 1870, to HARRIET POWELL, at her father's home in Columbiana county, near Alliance, Ohio, where she was born March 14th, 1843. Her father was one of the first settlers of the place, having settled on the farm when it was a forest, his way being marked by "blazed trees." Her parents both lived to pass their four-score years, fifty-eight of which they passed in companionship together. She received a common-school education, with a few terms at Mt. Union College. Her home, since her marriage, has been on the farm in Franklin. She has four children.

1. HOMER A. HAYMAKER, was born in Franklin, Ohio, August 31st, 1871. He has already devoted much time in acquiring an education. Having graduated at Kent High School, he is now taking a course at the Wesleyan University at Delaware, Ohio, with the intention of graduating there.

2. DEBORA J. HAYMAKER was born in Franklin, Ohio, March 3rd, 1873. She is now about graduating from the high-school in Kent.

3. FRANKLIN P. HAYMAKER was born May 10th, 1875, in the home in Franklin. He has the benefit of good schools, and is now completing his last year in the Kent schools before graduating.

4. ABBIE ROSETTA HAYMAKER was born October 2nd, 1885, in Franklin, Ohio.

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6. MARY R. HAYMAKER was born April 15th, 1846, in Franklin, Portage county, Ohio. The following

obituary appeared in print at the time: "In Streetsboro, Portage county, Ohio, July 27th, 1866, at the residence of her brother-in-law, Stephen Green, **MARY R. HAYMAKER**, daughter of James D. and Mary R. Haymaker. aged 20 years, 3 months and 12 days."

On Tuesday, Mary went to visit her sister, and on Friday evening she slept the sleep of death. She was amiable in disposition, a kind, affectionate child, sister and friend, and was universally esteemed. Young in years she was mature in life, and by her example and influence, left a rich inheritance.

On the first Sunday in July she united with the church in Kent, and on the last Sunday in the same month her funeral was largely attended. She died in the hope of universal victory.

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**JAMES A. HAYMAKER** was born June 21st, 1848, in Franklin, Portage county, Ohio, where he lived on the farm with his parents during the years of his childhood and youth. He attended the district school which was located near Earlville station. Nothing eventful occurred in the general routine of his life until January 12th, 1865, when he left home and enlisted in the 193rd Regt. O. V. I. at Cleveland, Ohio. From there he was sent about January 20th, to Camp Chase, near Columbus, Ohio, where his regiment was organized, officered and equipped for service. About March 1st, they left camp for the Shenandoah Valley, Virginia. After about five months of tent life in and around Harper's Ferry and Winchester, he was mustered out of service at the latter place, August 12th, 1865, his Regiment never having participated in any engagement. Returning home, the next two years passed on the old homestead. The fall of 1867 was spent in college at Mount Union, Ohio. Taught

school the following winter in Ravenna township; then returned to the college, where he passed spring and autumn terms with teaching during the winter season, until the spring of 1870. About April 1st, taking up with Horace Greeley's advice, he determined to "Go West," and finally landed in Kansas in the vicinity of Topeka. In the spring of 1871 he located a homestead in Butler county, same state, which he improved during the summer. In the fall of the same year returned to Ohio and engaged in teaching school during the winter. In following spring returned to his new home in Kansas. In the summer of 1874 was in Ohio, but returned west, where the following winter, was engaged in teaching in Barton county, Missouri. The fall of 1875 discovered him on the old homestead in Ohio, where he remained until the spring of 1877. Was engaged in teaching during the winters of those years. June 21st, 1876, was married in Windham, Portage county, Ohio, to SAMANTHA E. WILSON, who was born July 14th, 1851, in Northampton, Summit county, Ohio. Until the age of eleven, her life seemed to her but a happy dream watched over by kind and loving parents. Then the home circle was broken, and the mother was left alone with four children and a crippled fortune to battle with the world. Yet she performed her duty nobly and gave to each of her children a fair education, and what was still better, gave them by her unselfish devotion, while under the most trying and disheartening influences, lessons of patience and self-sacrifice, which they never forgot. At the age of twelve, the pleasant home in Northampton was exchanged for a rented one in Stowe township, same county, where they remained one year, then moved into Franklin township, Portage county, where the family dwelt one year, then moved into Windham, same county, where she resided until her marriage.

In April, 1877, he returned with his wife to the home in Kansas, and while they resided there, their financial prospects did not brighten as the "Cyclones," "Grasshoppers," "Chinch Bugs," and "drouth" proved too great draw-backs for profitable farming. Yet, by tilling his farm in summer and teaching during winter, they managed to get along. In November, 1881, he went to Gunnison, Colorado, the family joining him there in the following January. At that time the place was experiencing a "boom," and it was with bright hopes of bettering their condition that it was decided to make the place their future home; yet the years since, have not fulfilled the promise of 1881 and '82, and various expedients have been tried in order to meet the family expenses. Anything honorable that he could find to do, as working in sawmill, tie-making, mining, cooking, smelting, blacksmithing, prospecting, ranching, and finally we find him engaged in mercantile pursuits, the dry goods and grocery trade in the city of Gunnison. They have had four children: ZILBA M. HAYMAKER was born August 28th, 1877, in the township of Fairview, Butler county, Kansas; SULLIVAN W. HAYMAKER, born in Fairview, Butler county, Kansas, September 11th, 1879; CRETE E. HAYMAKER, born in Fairview, Kansas, September 23rd, 1881; died November, 30th, 1890; JOEL WALTER HAYMAKER, born in Gunnison, Colorado, June 13th, 1887.

In the death of little Crete we cannot refrain from giving more than a passing record, as she seemed possessed of a remarkably fine intellect, which, with her gentle ways, bright smiles and pleasant words, made her a great favorite with all. There was a gentleness and dignity of manner born of a noble heart that was all loyalty to others, truthfulness to her parents, brothers and friends, and which gave promise of great and possible



things. With her delicate features, expressive deep blue eyes, surmounted by a rather low but broad white forehead and golden hair, she seemed more like an angel than a child of earth. The little heart beat off a little more than eight and a half years; then ceased and was still while the bright spirit winged its flight to its eternal home.

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CLARA L. HAYMAKER was born in Franklin township, Portage county, Ohio, August 30th, 1850. The years of her childhood and youth were passed in her father's home on the old farm homestead near Earlville. No incident worthy of special notice occurred in her life during those years which were passed in the performance of common home duties, and in obtaining an education, which made necessary a trip daily to the old school house near the "gravel-bank" at Earlville during the summer and winter seasons of each year, until large enough to assist in home work, when her summer attendance ceased. She was engaged but one term in school teaching. October 21st, 1874, she was married at her father's home in Earlville, Ohio, to GEORGE B. GREEN, who was born in Franklin township, Portage county, Ohio, November 26th, 1851. His father, Seneca Green, was one of the early settlers of the township, and followed the business of farming. On the old farm the son grew to years of maturity, working on the farm and attending the district school near by, besides which he attended the Union school in Kent four terms. One by one he witnessed the departure of all the other members from that home which his father had made in the years of his manly strength. Brothers and sisters sought homes for themselves in different places. A mother, to be laid in her narrow home, forever at rest, and finally

to be joined by the aged and respected father, since, whose death in the spring of 1887 and, by his will left the son in possession of the old homestead, after giving proper attention to the claims of other members of the family upon it.

During the past year or two, his home has been the scene of much suffering. From its nature and sad effects the serious illness of his wife for many months, deserves special mention, as such cases are very rare indeed. About the first of July, 1890, she was taken with severe pain and swelling in her limbs; everything tried seemed to give no relief; the physicians in attendance shook their heads gravely as time passed without improvement or relief from her intense pain. The circulation was so very slow and weak that life merely existed, and finally ceased in one of the members, when natural decay commenced, and for a time she endured a living death; slowly the flesh and bone of the affected member decayed or separated until the living tissues indicated the place where a successful amputation might be performed, which was afterward undertaken with success; but many weary and sad months of constant pain were endured patiently and heroically, and now, though crippled, her valuable life spared, for which her family and numerous friends feel truly grateful. They have three children. MABEL A. GREEN was born in Franklin, Portage county, Ohio, August 28th, 1875. She attended the district school near her home until she was about fourteen, then entered the Union school in Kent, where she is now in attendance; JAMES S. GREEN was born May 5th, 1880, in Franklin, Ohio; WALTER H. GREEN, born in Franklin, Portage county, February 26th, 1889.

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**ALMIRA E. HAYMAKER** was born in Franklin township, Portage county, Ohio, January 27th, 1854. Until her marriage she ever found a pleasant home 'neath her father's roof, and its pleasant memories and hallowed associations will linger while life shall last. The performance of simple household duties was the part she was expected to do in those early years of her life. The old schoolhouse near Earlville witnessed her presence among the many others gathered there for instruction. She attempted to teach school, but failing health prevented her from completing her term, and, through the earnest request of her parents, gave up all thought of trying it again. She was married at her father's home May 19th, 1875, to **THEODORE H. KINDICE**, who was born May 17th, 1847, in Ravenna, Portage county, Ohio. His father owning a farm, which, by cultivating, the son was brought up as a farmer, helping his father what he could until he was about 15 years old.

Upon first leaving home he began working by the month, his father allowing him to retain his wages. He continued to work out by the month in various places until he was married, after which he rented a farm of James Reed in the northeast part of Franklin, for three years, then rented the farm of Mrs. Samuel Olin in Streetsboro, which he worked two years and at the expiration of the time bought the farm owned by Clarissa M. Olin, near Earlville, consisting of 118 acres, which has been their home and received his attention ever since. They have one son, **WILLIAM J. KINDICE**. Was born in Franklin, Portage county, Ohio, April 28th, 1876. He is now engaged in looking after an education.

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AMELIA A. HAYMAKER was born on the old homestead near Earlville, Portage county, O., May 20th, 1856. Nothing of importance occurred to break the monotony of the daily routine of her early life while she lived with her parents. Common home duties received her attention and it was for her, as with the rest of her sisters, to assist in the general work of the home. The district school furnished her education. December 25th, 1877, she was married at her father's home to MAXWELL G. NORTON, who was born in Franklin, Portage county, Ohio, June 18th, 1854. He was brought up on the farm, but afterward engaged as clerk in store in Kent, where he was employed for some time. The greater part of the time since he has been engaged in mercantile pursuits, acting as traveling salesman for different firms. The home since their marriage has been in Kent. They have two children: MARY JENNETT NORTON, born in Franklin township, November 16th, 1878; CLAUDE H. NORTON was born January 12th, 1881, in Kent, Ohio. They both are now in attendance at school in Kent.

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Cora E. Haymaker was born in Franklin, Ohio, May 5th, 1858; died February 2nd, 1859.

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WILLIAM J. HAYMAKER was born in Franklin, Portage county, O., February 2nd, 1860. He was reared on the old home farm in the north part of the township, on which he lived until the spring of 1889. He attended the district school near Earlville for several terms, which, with five terms at Kent Union School, comprised his school days. His first work for himself was on his father's farm, which he rented for eight years. On the

first of April, 1889, he moved onto his father-in-law's place in Streetsboro, where he has since resided, and found employment in working and carrying on the large farm. He has never been prominently engaged in political matters, and never sought any office; is a member of the school-board of his district; was married to MARY L. OLIN, daughter of Elon and Ellen Olin, at her father's home in Streetsboro, March 1st, 1882. She was a farmer's daughter, consequently became early acquainted with farm scenes and its usual routine of business affairs and management. She never ceased, until her marriage, to be a member of her father's home, where she was usually found at her post of duty. She obtained at the common school a fair education. They have two children: FREDERICK E. HAYMAKER was born in Franklin township, Portage county, Ohio, October 15th, 1883; ELIZABETH OLIN HAYMAKER was born August 2nd, 1886, in Franklin, Ohio.

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ABBIE MAY HAYMAKER, the youngest child of J. D. and Mary R. Haymaker, was born in Franklin township, Portage county, Ohio, November 27th, 1863. She remained pretty closely at the old home until her marriage. Those years of her life were passed amid the familiar scenes and incidents that usually cluster around a farmer's home. Being the youngest and only one left, her presence seemed necessary in that home where, since the departure of so many, a spirit of loneliness seemed hovering round. The district school at Earlville furnished the greater part of her education, which was completed with one term at Kent Union School. On November 23rd, 1887, the old home was once more the scene of wedding festivities, when the youngest

and last of its members was married to EDMOND W. CASE, who was born November 1st, 1858, in the township of Hudson, Ohio, where he was brought up on his father's farm until he was sixteen years of age, when he went to Hudson to learn the carpenter's and joiner's trade. In the following four years, three were passed at work in Hudson and one in Cleveland, Ohio. In August, 1880, he went to Kent, where he engaged in carpenter work in the railroad car-shops some eighteen months; since then has been engaged at working at his trade in Kent and vicinity, frequently being called into adjoining towns to do quite extensive jobs. Soon after their marriage, they made a trip to California, where they remained some six months. Since the death of her father their home has been with her mother at the old homestead. They have no children.



3. FRANKLIN OLIN, born in Perry, New York, July 18th, 1821, died December 31st, 1821.



4. RANSOM OLIN was born in Perry, New York, November 11th, 1822. He was a boy of twelve years when his father moved into Ohio. From his early years he knew what it was to labor. On his father's farm was much clearing and hard work to be done before the ground could be prepared for a crop; much of this work he could assist his father in doing. Thus until he was married and sought a home for himself, he worked away on the farm, attended the district school during winter until he obtained a fair education for those

times, and sought to get from life as much enjoyment as possible. He was married October 10th, 1843, to CLARISSA M. CLARK, at her father's home in Franklin township. She was born February 6th, 1822, in Springfield, Summit county, Ohio. She was of a family of ten children, eight of whom reached mature years. Her father moved into the southeast part of Streetsboro when she was about eight years old. After a few years' residence there they moved onto a farm he purchased in the north part of Franklin, where they remained several years. Soon after their marriage they moved onto a farm in the southwest part of Streetsboro, where they lived and carried on the farm for several years. About the year 1859 they moved into Franklin, near Earlville, onto her father's old farm, which they had rented and worked a year or two before. Not long after their removal they purchased the farm upon which they were living, and there resided until his death, which occurred May 18th, 1868, while he was yet in the prime of his manhood. He was buried in the family lot in Standing Rock Cemetery, near Kent. In contemplating his death we note many sad features. The disease which with him proved fatal, was one of uncommon occurrence, and one which his physicians were unfamiliar with. From its appearance, by some, was designated "spotted fever;" yet its power was seen, as daily his strong constitution yielded to its ravages, until it prevailed, a conquerer. His large family, the youngest less than five years, were thus left fatherless when they needed so much a father's counsel and advice. His home and family he loved, and for them lived and labored and gave the best years of his life. His kindness and cheerfulness won for him a host of friends. He was a very entertaining companion, and loved to relate some story or anecdote, and entered into a joke with spirit. Many still remember

his ringing laugh or merry song, which could be heard a long distance. He was a recognized leader when any amusements, or sports or anything of an entertaining character were to be instituted. After his death the family carried on the farm until about 1880, when the mother moved into a new house she had built in Kent, and there resided until her death. The following is taken from a paper printed in Kent at the time of her death:

"Mrs. Olin was a truly excellent woman. To her, home was the sacred place on earth, and here she found her largest and best field of work; and she still lives embodied in the lives and characters of her children, who honor her memory. But she reached beyond the home circle, and every worthy enterprise found in her a friend and helper. With the Universalist branch of the Christian church she united soon after an organization was secured in Kent, in 1866, and ever continued a consistent and worthy member. Her departure leaves a sad vacancy in the home and church, but the memory of her Christian life and work is a source of great comfort to all who mourn. She had been in feeble health for a considerable time, but hope of her recovery was entertained till within a few weeks of her death. The best efforts of medical skill were unable to save her, and Monday morning, August 13th, 1883, she bade adieu to earth life. Her funeral services, conducted by Rev. Andrew Willson, her former pastor, and the Rev. Edward Morris, were held in the Universalist Church at four o'clock, Wednesday afternoon, and were largely attended."

They had eleven children.

LE GRAND A. OLIN was born in the township of Streetsboro, Portage county, Ohio, August 17th, 1844. He resided in the old home until he was about twelve



years old; his father then removed to a rented farm in Franklin, which was carried on in connection with their own until it was also purchased a few years afterward. During the years he remained at home, he attended school and, with a term at Mt. Union College, he was prepared for teaching, which occupation he followed two winters. Soon after becoming of age he began working at the carpenter's trade, which he followed three years. In December, 1866, he removed with his wife to Leicester, Livingston county, N. Y., where he resided and worked at his trade until the 18th of November, 1868, when he met with a sad accident which effectually changed the future prospects of his life. On the evening of that day, he, in company with a couple of friends, went out to enjoy the pastime of a "raccoon hunt." After proceeding but a short distance, the barking of the dogs attracted their attention to a large tree, in the top of which their game was concealed. With a fearless heart, and relying on his strong active limbs, he ascended the tree for the purpose of shaking off the game, which being accomplished, he turned to descend, and in changing his position a little, the dead limb on which he unfortunately stepped suddenly gave way, and he fell to the ground, a distance of fifty feet, alighting in such a manner that his spinal column was nearly severed, and yet, so severely injured that his lower limbs were paralyzed and useless, nearly, for several years. Nothing but his temperate habits, his perfect health and indomitable will enabled him to outlive the effects of that fearful fall. For a long time he was rendered completely helpless, but gradually began to gain a little, and has so far improved that, although in a condition which makes it quite difficult in getting about, he has been able to fill responsible positions and has proven himself a very valuable and useful citizen. His helpless and inactive con-

dition of body was hard to be borne, as his ambition and resolute spirit sought rest in action. He therefore, while yet a painful and difficult task to get about, succeeded in learning telegraphy, which business he followed four years, then took a course in the commercial department of Mt. Union College, after which he was a teacher in the same department for the next year. He then secured the position of Deputy County Auditor of Portage county, which he filled two and a half years, and was then elected to the office of County Auditor, which he filled with ability six years and ten months, and then was afterward engaged for a year as an assistant in the same office. For the past two or three years he has been engaged in the Mutual Life Insurance business, and has lately become financially interested in a farm near Ravenna. In the spring of 1891 he became mutually interested with his brother-in-law, Mr. Birdsell, in the grocery and provision business in Ravenna. He was married on his twenty-first birthday, August 17th, 1865, at his Grandfather Olin's home near Earlville, to LAURA H. ALLEN, who was then living with her uncle and aunt. She was born January 1st, 1847, in Leicester, Livingston county, N. Y., and was the eldest of a family of seven children. Her early and uneventful life was passed amid the surrounding scenes of her birth-place, employing her hours assisting in household affairs and attending the district school. The years of her life were thus passed until she was nineteen years old, when she left her home to accompany her aunt, Mrs. Arvin Olin, back to her home in Ohio, with whom she lived until her marriage, since which time to her usual household duties has been added the care of a suffering and crippled companion; but with a self-denying spirit she performs her duties faithfully, and has helped largely in gaining

the pleasant home and many comforts they now enjoy. They have no children.

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LEMUEL V. OLIN was born March 3rd, 1846, in Streetsboro township, Portage county, Ohio. He was raised upon the old farm until he was some nine years of age. His father then moved onto a rented farm in Franklin that was formerly owned by Robert Clark. This farm was afterward purchased by his father, which was his home until he was twenty-one. He obtained a fair education at the Earlville district school near by. On October 10th, 1869, he was married at the parsonage in Kent, by Rev. Andrew Wilson, to JULIA O. CANNON, who was born in Tolland, Massachusetts, March 26th, 1846. When she was about six years old, her father moved to Franklin, Portage county, Ohio, where the family resided about a year, then moved to Quincy, Illinois, where they resided a year or two, then returned to Franklin again, in which vicinity she remained until her marriage, with the exception of two years, 1860 and '61, when she lived with an aunt in Quincy, Illinois.

In February following their marriage, he hired out to work, eight months on a farm at \$26.00 per month, and then in the fall was engaged for a time running threshing machine. In November, of same year, he made a trip into the west, where, after a time spent in looking for a location, on the 5th of December he took out homestead papers on one-quarter section of land in what is now Fairview, Butler county, Kansas, then returned to the old home in Ohio, and on March 22nd, 1871, started with his family for their new home in Kansas, where he has ever since remained working and improving his farm. A year or two ago they lost their house by fire. The insurance received helped in the erection of a better one upon the old

site. They have two children. MYRTIE LEVANCHE OLIN was born in Streetsboro township, Portage county, Ohio, July 22nd, 1870. She has been with her parents through all the changes made in settling and developing that new country, and though yet young in years, can truly say that she was one of the early "pioneers." A schoolhouse in time was built near her home, where she obtained an education.

WILLIAM EUGENE OLIN was born in Fairview, Butler county, Kansas, September 18th, 1874. His life has almost entirely been passed in his prairie home, where he has helped in herding cattle, and in attending to and looking after crops upon the farm. The old stone school house out on the prairie was the place where he received instruction.

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LEROY C. OLIN was born in Streetsboro, June 12th, 1847. Died December 28th, 1853. Is buried in Standing Rock cemetery near Kent.

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LEETTA S. L. OLIN was born in the township of Streetsboro, Portage county, Ohio, February 14th, 1849. Being the oldest daughter in a large family, she naturally found plenty to do, after she became old enough to assist her mother in her family cares. Her father's and mother's home was hers until her marriage, when she sought one of her own. During her earlier years she was sent to the district school near her home at Earlville, where she acquired a fair education, to which was added the benefit of eight terms at Mt. Union College. She engaged in school-teaching four terms. Was married at her old home near Earlville, July 28th, 1874, to HENRY L. KALLENBAUGH, who was born August 17th,

1849, at Tarentum, Allegheny county, Penn. He entered the public schools of Natrona, Penn., but when twelve years of age entered the chemical laboratory of the Penna. Salt Co., at Natrona, where he remained nearly two years; then again entered the public schools there. In the spring of 1864, when fourteen and a half years of age, he entered college at Mount Union, Starke county, Ohio, where he was in attendance for six and a half years, completing a regular collegiate course in the ancient and modern languages, also a full commercial course, graduating July 28th, 1870. Returning to his home in Natrona, was elected the same month to the principalship of the public schools there, which duties he accepted and performed one year, after which he was elected principal of Tarentum Academy, where he remained four years. In the autumn of 1875, he was again offered the principalship of the Natrona schools, in which capacity he acted two years. Finding that a better and more lucrative position was vacant at Bellevue, Penn., he accepted the situation August, 1877, at which place he was principal five years; at the end of which time he was elected principal to one of the city schools in the Third Ward, Allegheny City, Penn., Chestnut Street School No. 2, where he remained five years. In September, 1887, he was tendered the principalship of North Avenue Third Ward Public Schools, No. 1, where he is still engaged. They have two children: LEILA MARIE KALLENBAUGH was born in Tarentum, Penn., October 17th, 1875; ERLE LEE KALLENBAUGH was born July 21st, 1878, in Bellevue Allegheny county, Penn. Both of the children pursued their studies at home until the elder was twelve, and younger nine years of age. They are both now attending the North Avenue School of Allegheny City, of which their father is principal. Besides educational

work the family are greatly interested in religious work, all being members of the M. E. Church, in the interest of which they find much pleasant and profitable labor to perform.

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LEVERETT W. OLIN, born February 12th, 1851, in Streetsboro, Portage county, Ohio, where he spent a few years of his life; his parents then moved into Franklin, onto the Grandfather Clark's old homestead, where he remained with his father until his death, then assisted his mother for a time in carrying on the farm. He received the foundation of his education at Earlville district school, where so many Olin children attended at one time or another. In 1869 he attended one term at Mt. Union College. In 1872 he began a course at Buchtel College, at Akron, Ohio, and after somewhat more than a year's study, was thrown behind his class by sickness, and finally did not return to resume his studies there. He then taught three terms of school in Streetsboro, after which he began the study of medicine with Dr. E. W. Price of Kent; attended his first term of lectures at Medical Department of Western Reserve College in Cleveland, Ohio, in the winters of 1876-'77. His second and third terms of lectures were received at the College of Physicians and Surgeons, New York City, by which he was graduated, March 12th, 1880. After receiving his degree of M. D., he returned home and after a short stay went into Indiana, where finally located at Elmdale, a little "burg" in Coalcreek township, Montgomery county, and commenced the practice of medicine. With pardonable pride he gives the name of his first patient, and declares that he is yet "still living." He still resides and practices his profession in the same place where he first located. He was married

September 2nd, 1883, in the parlors of the Nutt House, in Crawfordsville, Indiana, to EFFIE SWANK, daughter of Benjamin and Mary E. Swank. She was born in Coalcreek township, Montgomery county, Indiana, January 13th, 1863. She was one of a family of ten children, and was brought up and always lived in the township of her birth. Her father at first carried on the farm, which he still owns, but after a time began the study of law, and has since adopted that profession, which he is following. Her education was obtained at the common schools, known as the Oakland School. They have had four children: LESTER WEIR OLIN, born September 23rd, 1884, in Elmdale, Montgomery county, Ind.; BLANCHE OLIN, born in Elmdale, Ind., July 4th, 1886; EDNA RAY OLIN, born in Elmdale, January 28th, 1889, died March 8th, 1889; buried in Oakland cemetery; GRACE OLIN, born February 14th, 1890, in Elmdale, Coalcreek township, Ind.

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LEORA B. OLIN, born in Streetsboro, Portage county, Ohio, October 10th, 1852. While she was quite young her parents moved into the Earlville neighborhood in Franklin, where she lived until she was married. The school in the home district was the only one she attended. She was married March 25th, 1873, to CORTLAND D. BANKS, who was the son of Rev. Isaac Banks, a Baptist minister. He was born in Uniontown, Westmoreland county, Penn., October 13th, 1840. In 1858, the family moved to Pittsburg, where his education was principally obtained. He entered the Union army as a private in 1862 and served to the close of the war. He was a member at one time of the 151st and also of the 168th Regt. Penn. Volunteers, having enlisted in one

regiment and afterward transferred to the other. After receiving his discharge at the close of the war, he returned to his home in Pittsburg and soon after was appointed clerk in the Pittsburg postoffice, where he served twenty-one years, until failing health obliged him to retire. In 1880 he moved his family to Bellevue, a suburban part of the city of Allegheny, where they resided seven years, then returned to Pittsburg, where they remained until they started for the West, hoping the change would prove beneficial to his health. Their intended change, however, was too long delayed, as the family only reached Kent, Ohio, where he died, October 19th, 1887. He was a member of the Presbyterian Church; also a member of the Masonic fraternity, by whose loving hands the coffin which enclosed his lifeless remains was lowered into that "narrow house," and with the evergreen, that emblem of immortality, was buried beneath the turf and flowers. After his death, the wife and son returned to Allegheny, where they lived until September, 1891, then went to Cleveland, Ohio, where they at present reside. They have had two children: **RAYMOND BANKS** was born May 22nd, 1876, in Pittsburg, Penn., where he died October 18th, 1877. **KARL BANKS** was born in Pittsburg, Penn., April 15th, 1879.

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**LEANTINE N. OLIN** was born in Franklin, Ohio, December 8th, 1854; died November 8th, 1863; buried in family lot, near Kent.

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**LESTER R. OLIN** was born in Franklin, Portage county, Ohio, March 3rd, 1856. In the spring of 1854, his father, who was then living on his farm in the south-



west part of Streetsboro, rented the Robert Clark farm in Franklin, for five years. He soon after moved onto it, and while the family lived there the subject of this sketch was born. On the farm he was reared, and after his father's death assisted his older brother in carrying on the farm. The last three years he had the management of it himself. In addition to his attendance at district school, he went three or four terms to Kent Union schools, and afterward graduated from commercial department of Mt. Union College. September 30th, 1879, he was married to MARY EDITH GRESSARD, at her mother's home in Kent. Her native place is Akron, Ohio, where she was born August 5th, 1860. When she was eighteen months old, her family moved onto a farm in Coventry, where they resided some four years, then moved into Kent, Ohio, where she lived to the time of her marriage. Attended Union School in Kent, from which she graduated in the class of 1879. In March, following their marriage, they moved, into Kent, where he found work some four months in the glass factory there, then worked in railroad shops one year, after which he was engaged as clerk in grocery store five years. February 18th, 1888, he made a contract for a farm of 144 acres in the northeast part of Ravenna township, on which he moved and resided until the summer of 1891, when he returned to Kent and engaged in work in the grist-mill there. They have one daughter, LENA RIENE OLIN, born in Kent, Ohio, March 25th, 1881. She seems especially gifted in elocutionary efforts, as her recitations at Olin reunions in the past have established such reputation among her friends, which entitles her to more than ordinary honors.

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LENA R. OLIN was born in Franklin township, near Earlville, Ohio, August 12th, 1858. From her home there she attended the district school, to which she added three years' attendance at Tarentum, Penn., School, making her home, while there, with her sister Leetta. After finishing her school, she returned to her mother's home, and was with her when she removed to her new home, in Kent. June 1st, 1884, she was married in Sharon, Penn., to CLIFTON S. BROWN, who was born in Warren, Ohio, March 17th, 1860. After their marriage, lived in Bellevue, Penn., two years; then returned to Kent, where she has lived mostly since. Unfortunately the husband, who possesses many noble qualities, has a weakness for the "cup," the sad effects of which are seen in the broken home and ruined prospects.

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LEILA C. OLIN was born at the old home near Earlville, Ohio, October 8th, 1860. Her school days were mostly spent in the old school-house there, under the instruction of her cousin, O. F. Haymaker. After the removal of her mother to Kent, she there attended the high school until she completed the course. Concerning her the following notice appeared in a Kent paper printed in 1884:

"On Tuesday, January 1st, at 8 o'clock in the evening, at the home of the bride on East Main street, Miss Leila Olin was married to Mr. Walter D. Logan, of Bellevue, Penn. Rev. Edward Morris officiated, and only the immediate friends of the bride and groom were present to witness the ceremony. On Wednesday they left for their future home, followed by the kind wishes of many friends."

Mr. LOGAN was born in Allegheny county, Penn., September 10th, 1857. He began attending country

school when eight years old. When he was fourteen he entered Sharpsbury Academy and from there the Western University, and from that school the Washington and Jefferson College. He passed some time in teaching while he was pursuing his studies at the schools just named. Bellevue, their home, where they have resided ever since their marriage, is a suburban part of Allegheny City. He is, and has been engaged for some years as accountant or book-keeper. They have two daughters: CLARISSA LOGAN, born in Bellevue, Penn., November 22nd, 1884; LEORA LOGAN, born October 2nd, 1888, in Bellevue, Penn.

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LEVANCHE A. OLIN was born November 25th, 1863, in Franklin, Portage county, Ohio. The old home near Earlville, and the mother's new home in Kent, were the only places she called home until she possessed one for herself. She attended but a few terms of school at Earlville, then some three years at Kent. September 17th, 1883, she was married to CHARLES HENRY GRESSARD, who was born in Coventry, Springfield township, Ohio, October 30th, 1864. He lived on a farm until seven years of age, then the family moved to Kent, where he has lived ever since. At the Union schools there he obtained his education. Since his marriage he has been engaged in clerking in the dry goods stores in Kent. Mrs. Gressard was taken with la grippe near the first of January, 1892. A few days later she suffered a relapse, and after lingering a few days in terrible suffering, she died, January 27th, 1892. She left one son: CHARLES FREDERIC GRESSARD was born in Kent, Portage county, Ohio, December 9th, 1889.



5. **INFANT SON** of Arvin and Betsy Olin, born the first of the year, 1824; died aged nine days; buried in Perry, N. Y.



6. **HENRIETTA OLIN** was born in Perry, Wyoming county, N. Y., August 3rd, 1825, where she lived with her parents until they sold their farm in the spring of 1834. They then moved into a log house on Samuel Olin's farm, near by, where they lived through the summer, in order to secure the harvest which had been reserved on the farm that was sold. During the summer of that year her father made an extended trip into the western states looking for a home, and on his return, after securing his harvest, he moved his family into Portage county, Ohio, stopping through the winter near Mantua. In the following spring he moved into a little framed house on a farm he had bought in Franklin during the winter. There they lived while he made the bricks and built his brick house, which was all completed save some inside wood-work, by the 28th of November, 1836, when they moved into it. The subject of this sketch was then a little past eleven years old, and for the next few years nothing occurred in her life worthy of particular note, as she was attending school and assisting in the general home duties, taking a part in spinning and weaving, which work was so common in those days. In the summer of 1842 she taught a term of school in the district. She boarded at home, and her spare time was employed at her spinning wheel, which added a little more to her finances, as her father generously paid her for her labor. For the benefit of teachers, it may be well to state that fifty years ago they did not get rich very fast, as the wages usually paid in dis-

trict schools were to women \$1 to \$1.50 per week; men received from \$10 to \$12 per month. On the 8th of October, 1843, she was married at her father's home in Franklin, Ohio, to GEORGE R. C. ADAMS, who was born in the township of Chatham, Columbia county, N. Y., August 16th, 1818, where he resided with his parents till the spring of 1822, when his father moved with his family into the township of Collins, Erie county, N. Y., which was then a howling wilderness. The first night upon their arrival at their new home, they slept upon a bed of hemlock boughs. The bears and wolves were numerous and troublesome, especially the former, as they frequently entered farmers' yards and appropriated pigs and other animals to their own use.

His father's farm consisted of 200 acres, which he bought of the old "Holland Purchase Company." On this new farm he remained with his father fourteen years, assisting in its clearing and cultivation. In 1836, his father sold out and moved to Lyons, Wayne county, same state, where he lived until the autumn of 1840; he then went to Ohio, where his father had preceded him, and purchased a farm in Franklin township, about a mile south of where Earlville station is located. The season of 1841 he worked his father's farm, teaching school the following winter, for which he received ten dollars per month. He also taught two other winter terms after he was married. The two seasons following he worked his father's farm; his father, being a blacksmith, usually worked at his trade, while the "boys" worked the farm. After he was married, in 1843, he bought forty-five acres of his father's farm, which he proceeded to clear off and cultivate. He lived in part of his father's house until he bought an adjoining farm

of Simeon Russell, in July, 1850, and soon after moved onto the place, where they lived the following two years. His father then being dead, he bought out the other heirs to the estate, and moved back into the old home, where they continued to reside until March, 1862, when they sold their farm and moved to Michigan, where they purchased a farm in the township of Comstock, Kalamazoo county, which place was their home a number of years. Three years they rented their farm and lived in Galesburg, after which they returned and remained until the spring of 1890, when, after disposing of part of the farm, they moved into Allegan, Michigan, where they still reside. In the spring of 1866 he was elected supervisor, the highest office in his township. Again, in the spring of 1873, he received the same honor, which continued to be repeated until he had served ten consecutive terms. This trust he filled with honor to himself and general satisfaction to his townsmen, as he was ever a faithful and efficient officer, and looked closely after the interests of his town. He was elected president of the first Olin Reunion, held at Gull Lake, Michigan, October, 1st, 1886. His wife has stood by him faithfully all these years, taking great interest in all things pertaining to home, farm and affairs of the nation—a good counselor, a faithful friend, and a kind and affectionate mother. They have had six children.

HEPSY ANN ADAMS was born in Franklin township, Portage county, Ohio, March 23rd, 1845. Her parents' home was her home until her marriage. During the early years of her life she pursued about the same course as that of most farmer girls. Attended the district school, where she obtained the elements of an education. Before the removal of her parents to Michigan, in the spring of 1862, she attended school in Buffalo, N. Y., making her home with her uncle, Cary Adams. She afterward at-

tended high school in Kalamazoo, where she reviewed her studies, preparatory to the work of teaching, in which she was engaged for several terms. She was married at her father's home in Comstock, Michigan, December 12th, 1866, to DARWIN I. RUSSELL, whose place of birth is Franklin township, Portage county, Ohio, and the date, October 18th, 1839.

His father, Yale Russell, was one of the old settlers of the township, where he lived many years engaged in farming operations, his son being brought up to the same occupation, living with and assisting his father until of age, or until he enlisted as a soldier in Company I, 128th Regt. O. V. I., and was mustered into service at Cleveland, Ohio. His regiment was engaged most of the time in doing guard duty. He served eighteen months and was then mustered out at Camp Chase, Ohio. During his short service in the army, he was advanced to first corporal of his company.

After his marriage, he purchased a farm in the north part of Comstock, Kalamazoo county, Michigan, which has been their home ever since. He has since bought another eighty acre piece not far from his first place. His farming business occupies nearly all his attention, yet, he has been called upon by the people of his town to hold some positions of trust and responsibility. They have two children.

KATE A. RUSSELL was born in Comstock, Michigan, December 18th, 1867. Though frail in health and small in form when she was young, she has ever manifested a determined and progressive spirit quite characteristic of older generations of the family. She succeeded in acquiring an education sufficient to enable her to teach school successfully before she was sixteen. From teaching country schools, she entered as teacher one of the ward schools of Kalamazoo, where she afterward became principal.

From that position she secured a position in the city schools of Chicago, where she advanced to a position that brings her \$750.00 per year. She is now completing her third year in Chicago.

WILSON A. RUSSELL was born May 23d, 1872, in Comstock, Kalamazoo County, Mich., where he still claims a home with his parents. Thus far his father's farm has mostly furnished him with employment. He began teaching in the winter of 1889-90 in an adjoining town. Two years later finds him again at his old post of duty, through the earnest solicitations of the school officers.

During the past year or more he has been engaged, when not employed on the farm, in selling Cram's large atlas, in which he met with good success. After the close of his present term of school, he contemplates engaging in business for himself.

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MILO O. ADAMS was born in Franklin, Ohio, March 18th, 1847. Was raised on the farm, where he remained until after his marriage. The district school was an important factor in his education. He taught but one term of school, as he took but little delight in the work. Was married December 18, 1867, to ELLA L. TAYLOR, who was then living at her father's home, near Galesburg. She was born May 1st, 1848, in Comstock, Kalamazoo County, Mich. After their marriage, they resided for a time at his father's, then moved into a house that was on one part of the farm, where they lived and worked the place until his wife's death, which occurred March 11th, 1871. He afterward engaged as clerk in a general dry goods and grocery store in Galesburg. After a time he purchased a drug store there and for the next few years carried on



that branch of business, then sold out and afterward purchased an interest in a hardware store in the same village, which business did not prove a success.

He was married the second time in Cambria, N. Y., to MARY A. TAYLOR, a cousin to his first wife. She was born in Cambria, Wayne County, N. Y., November 10th, 1847. After their marriage they returned to Galesburg, where he was engaged in business and there resided until they were preparing to move to Kansas, where they staid about two years, then returned and afterwards moved to Kalamazoo, where his family resided, he being engaged in the sale of agricultural implements in the West. Upon obtaining the Western agency in the business, he removed his family to Mankato, Minn., in order that they be nearer his field of labor, where they at present reside. He has lately obtained a position with the Aultman & Miller company of Akron, Ohio, with headquarters at Sioux City, where he expects to enter this new field in the coming spring of 92.

MAUDE FRANCIS ADAMS, only daughter of Milo O. and Ella L. Adams, was born in Comstock, Kalamazoo County, Mich., September 28th, 1869. After her mother's death, which occurred when she was about eighteen months old, she lived with her grandfather Adams until her father was again married, then made her home with him until their return from Kansas, when she was about sixteen years old. Since then, until her marriage, she has made her home with the Misses Taylor, sisters of her mother, who have resided in Galesburg and near vicinity. She was married at her Grandfather Adams' home in Comstock, Mich., November 26th, 1890, to GEORGE FRANCES RAYMOND, who was born in Comstock, Michigan, December 13th, 1866. He was a farmer's boy; lived on the farm until his father's death, when an older brother taking charge of the farm, he with

his mother moved into Galesburg, where he has since resided. The district school, with a few terms at the Galesburg Union school, were the opportunities he embraced in securing an education. He taught about three terms of district school. A few months after their marriage, they began housekeeping in Galesburg, where, for about two years, he has been employed as clerk in the Post-Office.

ARAMINTA A. ADAMS, only daughter of Milo and Mary A. Adams, was born in Galesburg, Kalamazoo County, Michigan, November 29th, 1875. Her home has been mostly located where she could have the benefits of good schools. This she has improved; is now attending at Mankato, her present home.

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ARAMINTA A. ADAMS, third child of G. R. C. and Henrietta Adams, was born in Franklin, Ohio, July 31st, 1848. Died December 10th, 1852; is buried in Standing Rock cemetery.

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Their fourth child died in infancy, November 3rd, 1850.

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S. ANTOINETTE ADAMS was born in Franklin, Portage county, Ohio, November 30th, 1852. Ten years later she went with the family to Michigan, where they again located on a farm. She attended high school in Kalamazoo about two years, after having attended the rural district schools. No particular event worthy of record occurred in the part of her life that she passed at her father's home until her marriage, which ceremony was performed at her home in Comstock, Michigan, October 7th, 1874, to CULLEN A. TOWNE, who was born at Ba-

tavia, Genesee county, N. Y., August 23rd, 1845. He remained with his father on the farm in his native town until the removal of the family to Michigan in 1869. His education was obtained at the school in the district, the Rural Seminary at East Pembroke, and then two winters at select school in Batavia. The genealogy of the Towne family has lately been traced to the settlement of the first Mr. Towne, in Salem, Massachusetts, who came from Yarmouth, England, in 1635. He had three sons and three daughters; two of the daughters were hung for witchcraft, one in July and the other in September of 1692. The sons' names were Jacob, Edmund and Joseph. Our subject, C. A. Towne, being a descendant of Edmund, and in order of generation is the 8th.

Upon their arrival in Michigan, the family settled on a farm in Charleston, Kalamazoo county. About that time our subject made a trip into southeast Kansas, where he remained about eighteen months. After his marriage they settled upon a farm in Charleston, and there remained until the spring of 1882, when they sold out and bought another farm in Comstock, near Galesburg, where they have ever since resided. They have two children.

LENA H. TOWNE was born December, 19th, 1875, in Charleston, Kalamazoo county, Michigan, where she resided with her parents until their removal into Comstock, where she still remains with her parents, and attends the Union schools at Galesburg, where she graduates with her class of 1892. Besides her school work, she has given much attention to instruction received in music. HAROLD ADAMS TOWNE, born February 28th, 1888, in Comstock, Kalamazoo county, Michigan.

GEORGE C. ADAMS was born in Franklin township, Portage county, Ohio, September 13th, 1854. Through the years of his early life he became accustomed to farm labor, besides gaining a knowledge of the methods and manner usually adopted by farmers in carrying on that important industry. In these years he did not neglect his education, as his attendance at the district school, high school in Galesburg, and a short course at commercial business college, fitted him with a good business education. When he was eighteen years old he left home and engaged with Schroder and Lay as clerk in their store in Galesburg, where he remained two years, then took his father's farm to work on shares for two years. While thus engaged he was married, March 22nd, 1876, at Avon, N. Y., to IDA A. HOLDEN, who was born in Ann Arbor, Mich., June 28th, 1856. She was an infant when her parents left there for Galesburg, where she lived until about sixteen years old. They then removed to East Bloomfield, N. Y., when, after a stay of one year, they moved to Avon, N. Y., where she lived at the time of her marriage. She had the benefit of good schools in the places where she lived. Some two years she attended select school at Avon. After their marriage they returned to Galesburg, where he engaged to work for Schroder and Olin in their store one year, then purchased a place of forty acres near his father's in Comstock, on which they lived three years, then removed to Galesburg, where he engaged with Schroder and Olin again for six months; then, selling his farm, he engaged in the book and stationery business in Galesburg. About that time he received the appointment of postmaster of the Galesburg office, which position he held three years and three months. Having sold his book store, in December, 1888, he removed to Allegan, Mich., where he entered more largely

into the same business, and soon succeeded in working up a large and profitable trade. With prospects of realizing in the near future his fondest hopes, his health began to fail, and in opposition to all efforts of the best medical skill, he gradually declined until the final end was reached. From examinations made, his disease, or immediate cause of death, was cancer in the back. He died at his home in Allegan, Mich., July 6th, 1891, and was buried in the cemetery near Galesburg. They had three children: WILLIE H. ADAMS, born in Comstock, Kalamazoo county, Mich., April 16th, 1877; BESSIE G. ADAMS, born June 25th, 1879, in Comstock, Mich.; GEORGE COLBURN ADAMS was born in Galesburg, Comstock township, Kalamazoo county, Mich., February 25th, 1885.



7. NELSON OLIN was born May 26th, 1827, in Perry, Wyoming county, N. Y., where passed the first seven years of his life. His parents then moved to Franklin, Portage county, Ohio, where on the farm he passed the time until he was nineteen years old. He then began teaching school, and was fairly successful. When he was twenty-one, he purchased a farm of 163 acres in the north part of Franklin. On August 20th, 1848, he was married in Ravenna, Ohio, to HARRIET M., the second daughter of Solomon and Susan Holly. She was born in Gainesville, Wyoming county, N. Y., December 18th, 1827. She was about seven years old when her parents moved into Brimfield, Portage county, Ohio, where she lived until the year before her marriage, when they moved to Ravenna. When quite young, she had a great desire to obtain an education, but her parents being in moderate circumstances, could

only give her the benefit of the common schools. Having a retentive memory and a determined spirit, she made such advancement that when quite young for such work, she became a successful teacher. In her thirst for knowledge she read many books, which, being selected with care, her mind became stored with useful knowledge, especially history, which was her delight. After their marriage, they settled on the farm he had purchased a few months before, and there remained some four years. He then sold his farm, and with his family moved into Clinton county, Iowa, where he purchased a farm of 516 acres. In carrying on his large farm he was moderately successful, until the summer of 1860, when a destructive cyclone swept his farm clear of buildings and fences. The heavy loss he thus sustained, with the feeble state of his wife's health, he decided upon going to the Pacific Coast. Arranging his business, he started on April 5th, 1861, with his family, by way of New York and the Isthmus, for California, and on his arrival settled in Sacramento county, where he remained four and a half years, then returned to Franklin and worked his father's farm the next four years. His wife, upon her return, rapidly declined in health, and ere long that voice that so many times had soothed by its sweet melody her little ones to slumber, or awakened in their minds bright fancies by her beautiful and interesting stories, became silent forever. She died April 6th, 1866, and rests in the cemetery at Kent. She was the mother of four children. Nelson Olin was again married, in Ravenna, Ohio, July 11th, 1866, to HANNAH C. MCKELVY, who was born in Ravenna, Ohio, August 11th, 1841. When she was sixteen months old her parents moved to Williams county, Ohio. When ten years old her mother died. Her father soon after moved back to Ravenna, where she remained with him

until his death, which occurred when she was fifteen years old. She then had no permanent home, her time being mostly passed in working out by the week, until her marriage. Remaining on his father's farm until late in the fall of 1869, he again started for the West, stopping one year on a rented farm near Galesburg, Mich., and then on to Douglas county, Kansas, where he purchased a farm and remained until about 1876, when he removed to Fairview, Butler county, Kansas, and settled on a farm of eighty acres, where he still resides. They have had eight children.

NELSON ELVERTON OLIN, the oldest of Nelson and Harriet Olin's children, was born in Franklin, Portage county, Ohio, December 6th, 1849. He was but three years old when his father sold the home and moved to Eden, Clinton county, Iowa, where he lived some nine years. On their removal to California, they boarded the ocean steamer at New York for the Isthmus, and then via Pacific to Sacramento, arriving in time to witness one of the greatest floods that ever visited that country. On their return to Ohio, he assisted his father in the farm work and attended school in the winter time. In the fall of 1868 he attended Mt. Union College and taught his first term of school the following winter. The summer of 1869 he worked out by the month, and in the fall drove his father's team to Michigan when he moved there. The summer of 1870 he worked for his uncle, G. R. C. Adams, on the farm, and in the autumn of 1870 he drove his father's team on to Douglas county, Kansas, where his father had purchased a farm, on which he was then settling. The following winter he taught school in Kansas, and in the spring went down into Butler county, same state, and took up a government homestead. In the autumn following he returned with a couple of his cousins to Portage county, Ohio, and taught

school and singing-school in Brimfield. In the spring returned to Kansas again and engaged in working upon his farm claim. In the fall of 1873 he again returned to Ohio, and in the spring of 1874, he purchased a small farm in Franklin, which made him a home about five years. On December 6th, 1874, at the church in Kent, he was married to ANN M. HEIGHTON. She was born January 9th, 1854, in the township of Edinburg, Portage county, Ohio. Her father, Joseph Heighton, was a farmer and horticulturist of considerable note. In the spring of 1863, he moved into Franklin township, upon a farm he purchased there, and engaged in agriculture and fruit raising. Has long been identified with questions of political reform, giving prominence to his views by lectures, and song with accompaniment on violin, in which he seems especially gifted.

She received the benefits of the district school, besides a few terms at Kent Union school. In the spring of 1884, they moved from the place that was first purchased to one about a mile east of Kent, where they have since lived. Until recently he had been for some time actively engaged in school teaching, having taught thirty terms in village schools and eleven terms in district or country schools. He is now considered the leading dealer in Kent in handling pianos, organs and sewing machines, which business occupies his entire attention. They have three children.

HOLLY E. OLIN, born in Franklin township, Portage county, Ohio, July 9th, 1882.

Lloyd W. Olin, born in Franklin, Ohio, May 15th, 1886.

Leona May Olin, born June 17th, 1879, in Franklin Portage county, Ohio.



OSCAR EUGENE OLIN was born in Franklin, Portage County Ohio, December 3rd, 1851. When scarcely a year old, his parents sought a home in the West, and he was with them in all the subsequent changes, as seen in sketch of their lives.

Referring to his school life he says: "It began in a log schoolhouse with slab benches, and here by a diligent application of 'Solomon's grand panacea,' he was well started in the way in which he has gone."

The five years from 1861 to 1865 were spent in California, then four years on his grandfather's farm in Ohio, followed by one year on a rented farm in Michigan, then the rest of his years in Kansas. He has been a teacher twenty-two years, and thinks he will probably "die in the harness." His first school teaching began in Comstock, Michigan, near his uncle Whiting Russell's; his success there at once established a reputation. Yet he thinks in that school he learned more than anyone else. Two winters were spent in Ohio, teaching, and the rest of his labor has been in Kansas. Three years he was principal of the Baldwin city school; two years teacher in the grammar school at Eldorado; three years principal of the Augusta schools, then two years superintendent of the Eldorado schools, his vacations being spent in conducting Normal Institutes in different counties of the State. In 1885 he was elected Professor of English and History in the Kansas State Agricultural College at Manhattan, which position, with some modifications, he still holds.

The second most notable thing in his life was to "get married" in 1878, March 21st, in Peru, Huron County, Ohio, at the home of his wife's aunt, Mrs. A. J. Tillson, and by Rev. H. L. Canfield, to Marie E. Seibel, daughter of Prof. C. M. Seibel, well known in the Western reserve, as a master of every form of music. She was

born in Cleveland Ohio, January 13th, 1855. She graduated from the Kent high school with the "Centennial Class" of 1876. Was a teacher before her marriage, also three years afterward. She is now Secretary of the Domestic Science Club of Manhattan.

They have two children: LOTTIE HARRIET OLIN, born January 16th, 1883, in Augusta, Butler County, Kansas. Blanche Marie Olin, born January 27th, 1888, in Manhattan, Kansas.

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Arvin S. Olin, third son of Nelson and Harriet Olin, was born in Eden Township, Clinton County, Iowa, October 19th, 1855. Was but five years old when his parents moved to California, and in all the different changes in their place of residence he remained with his father, until after they found a home in Kansas, in 1870. His education was obtained in the common schools, Ottawa University and State University of Kansas. Did not continue his college course beyond the Sophomore year, as he became engaged in the work of teaching, which work he began when but seventeen years of age. Has taught five years in ungraded country schools. In 1880 he became principal of the schools of Peabody, Kansas. In September, 1880, he began work as principal of the Vermont street school in Lawrence, and continued there two years; was then chosen teacher of Latin and mathematics in the Lawrence high school. September 6, 1882 he was married to MATTIE M. DAVIS, who was born in Guilford County, North Carolina, June 24th, 1855. The first six years of her life were passed in her native place. On the breaking out of the war, her father's family removed to Vermilion, Ill., where they remained a year, then moved to Douglas County, Kansas. Our subject received her education in the country

schools and after her father's family settled in Lawrence, in 1864, she attended the city schools in that place, and then the State University of Kansas.

She engaged in teaching, first in rural schools, then in the city schools of Lawrence, where she quickly came to be known as one of the best of primary teachers. After filling the position at the Lawrence High School one year, in 1883, Mr. Olin was elected principal of the Iola schools, where he remained and performed the work four years, when he was called to the chair of English and didactics in Ottawa University. In May, 1889, he was elected to the superintendency of Ottawa schools, and in April, 1890, was elected to the superintendency of the schools of Kansas City, Kan. Besides his regular duties in school work he has served as Instructor or Conductor in twenty-two Normal Institutes in Kansas. They have had two children: AMY and HAROLD, born in 1884 and 1885. AMY surviving only a few weeks, and HAROLD but four months.

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WALTER H. OLIN, the youngest of Nelson and Harriet Olin's children, was born in Sacramento county, California, Aug. 7th, 1862. Following him in his childhood and youth, we would find him a member of his father's home in all its changes until after Fairview, Kansas, was reached. Reared to farm life, and taking an active part in the work of its cultivation, he, like his older brothers, deserted it at the first opportunity offered, for entering the profession of teaching. The foundation of his education was formed of material obtained at the country schools; to this was added finishing material obtained at Eldorado's High School, from which he graduated with class of 1884, and then a graduate of the State Agricultural College, class of 1889. Has now had seven years'

experience as teacher, which he followed in connection with studies and student-work. He was married at the Congregational church in Wabaunsee, by the pastor, REV. H. S. PAYNE, November 27th, 1890, to WINIFRED ESTELLA COTTON. She was born in Wabaunsee county, Kansas, August 2nd, 1869. Her father, Wm. F. Cotton, is a teacher from Vermont. Her mother, Helen (Green) Cotton, is a daughter of a well-to-do farmer of Maine. She is of staunch New England parentage, tracing directly to John Cotton, who came over in the Mayflower. At an early age she developed a taste for music, being able at four years of age, to play several tunes on her mother's piano. Her education in music progressed toward proficiency under able teachers, until stricken with typho-malaria fever, from which she only recovered through her mother's excellent nursing and care. When eighteen years of age she attended for two years the Agricultural College at Manhattan, Kansas. When married, was primary teacher in the Waverly, Coffey county, schools, which position she still held in the spring of 1891, her husband being principal of the same schools.

CLARENCE F. OLIN, the eldest of Nelson and Cornelia Olin's children, was born in Franklin, Portage county, Ohio, July 29th, 1867. He has not as yet entered into any special business for himself, but lives with and assists his father in the management of the farm in Fairview. During the summer of 1891 he was engaged with his father in carrying on a cheese factory at Leon, Kansas, where he had the supervising of the business himself, his father then living in, and looking after the same kind of business in Eldorado. •

JAMES VICTOR OLIN was born in Franklin, Ohio, February 7th, 1869; died March 16th, 1885, in Fairview, Kansas, where he is buried.

ALVIN H. OLIN, born in Vinland, Douglas county, Kansas, January 11th, 1871. He still remains with his father on the farm.

GERTRUDE A. OLIN, born in Vinland, Kansas, April 19th, 1873, died October 10th, 1874; buried in Vinland.

LEORA PEARL OLIN, born October 16th, 1875, in Vinland, Douglas county, Kansas.

MARY R. OLIN, born in Fairview, Butler county, Kansas, November 17th, 1877.

ANSON C. OLIN, born in Fairview, Kansas, June 17th, 1880.

FLOY L. OLIN, the youngest of Nelson and Cornelia Olin's children, was born in the township of Fairview, Butler county, Kansas, July 19th, 1883.



8th. MERILLA OLIN was born in Perry, Wyoming county, New York, May 4th, 1829, and went with her parents to Ohio on their removal there in the autumn of 1834. When she was about twelve years old she lived with her sister, Mrs. Haymaker; then her home was with her parents until her marriage. When she was ten years old she was taught to spin tow, and when old enough, learned to weave both linen and woolen cloth. Her school days were ended before she was seventeen, passed principally at the district school, with one term of select school in Franklin Mills.

One of her old musical instruments, the old "wheel," has been laid aside, but she continues to play on the old "loom," and so well has she kept in practice that, during the last sixteen years, prior to 1890, she wove twenty thousand yards of carpeting. She was married in Ravenna, Ohio, and by Rev. Geo. Messenger, on June

19th, 1847, to ABRAHAM PRATT, who was born in Marion, Wayne county, New York, June 28th, 1823. His father was a farmer and came from the east to New York when that country was new. He moved to Ohio when Abraham was a little past eleven years old, and settled in Franklin township, Portage county. After his father's death, which occurred but a few years after, he, with an older brother, carried on the farm together, or the brother worked the farm, and he would work out, or the farm would be rented and they would both work out. The care of the mother and sisters devolved upon them. Before he was married, the farm was divided between the brothers, each assuming one-half expense in buying the interests of the other heirs, so that when that important event occurred, he had a home of his own, in which to begin housekeeping. They lived some eight years on the farm, then sold and moved to Richland, Michigan, where he bargained for a place on which they lived a few months, but on account of some defect in the title of their land, they relinquished their claim and moved to Liberty, Parke county, Indiana, arriving October 20th, 1855. The first year he lived on a farm owned by his brother, James. The following year he bought an eighty-acre farm in the same town, which was their home until December, 1863, when he sold his place, returned to Ohio and worked their father Olin's farm two years. In the spring of 1866 they moved onto a rented place, owned by H. Furry, which they worked one year. Then in spring of 1867 moved onto the place they afterward bought, in the North part of Franklin, which is still the home, though the family circle is sadly broken.

From his obituary, the following is taken: "Passed from the mortal to the immortal, on the morning of the 21st of July, 1890, Mr. Abraham Pratt, aged 67 years, leaving an estimable wife, three sons and three daughters

to mourn the loss of a fond and devoted husband, and a kind and indulgent father. He lived a useful and exemplary life and deservedly won the crown of universal respect. Looking on life's sunny side, he enjoyed its everyday blessings and uncomplainingly met and endured affliction and disappointments. His character was pure, deep and strong; he manifested himself much more in what he did, than what he said; his life embodied the idea of a good neighbor as well as an upright citizen. Ever kind and generous, he was a true friend to humanity, and if we are to measure knowledge by human experience, then his future must unfold like a beautiful dream. The services were conducted by Rev. Andrew Willson. Beneath the turf and flowers his body rests in Standing Rock Cemetery, near Kent. They have had ten children.

FRANCIS B. PRATT was born in Franklin, Ohio, April 16th, 1848. Died February 6th, 1852.

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MARY E. PRATT was born in Franklin, Portage county, Ohio, April 14th, 1851. Her father's home was hers through the years of her childhood, youth, and until her marriage. Her education was obtained at the district school. Nothing in her early life seems worthy of particular note, as her time was passed at home engaged in household duties. She was married at the Congregational parsonage in Cuyahoga Falls, on July 23rd, 1884, to PERRY WILLIARD, who was born in Franklin, Portage county, Ohio, March 3rd, 1852. His mother died when he was but ten days old; his grandmother Williard then took him to care for, and with his grandparents he remained until he was fifteen years old, his grandfather dying the year before. When he was about sixteen years old he began working for his uncle, Samuel

Williard, and when he arrived at the age of 21 had \$400 laid by as the fruit of his labor. In the fall after he became of age he bought 45 acres of land which he worked for a time, then sold and bought a piece of 52 acres in the north part of Franklin township, on which he lived about two years, then sold and bought a place in Kent where they lived some six years, being engaged with other kinds of business in running threshing machines in the autumn. Since then has been engaged about four years at work in barber shop in Kent, and for about a year was running confectionery store there, then sold the business and again engaged in carrying on the barber's trade, which he still follows. They have one son, CHARLES LEROY WILLIARD, who was born in Franklin, Portage county, Ohio, December 14th, 1876. He is now attending the schools in Kent and helping in the work of his father's shop.

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JAMES A. PRATT was born in Franklin, Ohio, January 29th, 1853. Being possessed of great love of home, he has not sought to "sever the tie" that binds him there, but has so enjoyed the sociability, hallowed influences, and kindly friendships of his parents' home, that he has been content to retain his place as a member there while others were eagerly putting out into the world, seeking homes for themselves. He was married in Kent, Ohio, March 30th, 1875, to JOSEPHENE KELLER, who was born March 15th, 1857, in Brimfield, Ohio, where she lived with her mother and grandmother until her marriage. She enjoyed the privileges of attending a good district school and improved her time so well that she acquired a fair education. After their marriage they lived on a place about three years that was owned by his father. He afterwards rented his uncle's farm, which he worked two



years, then returned to live with his father, where he has ever since resided. His wife, Mrs. Josephene Pratt, died by the hand of that fell destroyer, consumption, April 2nd, 1888. She is buried in Kent cemetery.

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DIANTHA M. PRATT was born in Richland, Kalamazoo county, Michigan, September 15th, 1855. She ever found a pleasant home with her parents, which she greatly enjoyed. She was married in that same home, September 7th, 1871, to Emmet Barber, of Franklin township, but was not permitted to enjoy her wedded life very long, or that new home of her own, as the fell destroyer of human life had marked her for his victim. She died August 20th, 1872.

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EMMA M. PRATT was born in Liberty, Parke county, Indiana, June 20th, 1858. In pursuing the course of her early life she seemed but to follow the footsteps of her older sisters, occupied by home duties when not in attendance at the district school. She was married by Rev. Andrew Willson, in Kent, Ohio, July 2nd, 1874, to ALMON R. CACKLER. He was born in Shalersville, Portage county, Ohio, September 7th, 1852. He was quite young when his parents moved into the southwest part of Streetsboro, where he lived until he was about ten years old. His parents then moved to Layton, Allegan county, Michigan, where they lived some two years, then returned to same place they left in Streetsboro, Ohio, where they remained four years, then moved to Shalersville, where there they again remained two years, then returned to the old place in Streetsboro. He was educated at the common schools, with a short attendance at the village school in Shalersville. The greater part of the time since

their marriage he has been engaged in working rented farms. During the past year they have resided in Kent, where he is engaged doing team work. They have had one child, Idazella Cackler, born August 8th, 1889, died October 25th, 1889, buried in cemetery at Kent.

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ALMIRA R. PRATT was born in Liberty, Indiana, December 4th, 1861. The greater part of her life has been passed in her father's home; only one year has she been away and then was clerking in her brother Ransom's confectionery store in Kent. Her educational advantages were about the same as those of her older sisters, and consisted of a common school course. Since her father's death she remained in the old home with her mother until December 24th, 1891, when she was married in the home to AUSTIN DENNING, who was born in Sylvania, Ohio, November 23rd, 1862, where he lived two years; then his parents moved to ———, Michigan, where they resided fourteen years, then moved to Kent, Ohio, and there remained ever since. As soon as he became large enough, he began working in his father's cooper shop and learned the trade, which his father followed. When he was twenty-one he began for himself, yet continued to work for his father in the shop, at his trade, and has succeeded in gaining a good and comfortable home in Kent, Ohio, where they now reside.

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RANSOM O. PRATT was born in Franklin, Portage county, Ohio, May 8th, 1864; was raised on the farm, where he remained until he was about 19 years old, then entered a grist-mill in Kent, where he remained about three years, then entered the Cleveland Milling Company's mill, where he labored one year; returning to

Kent, he purchased a confectionery store which he operated one year, then sold and returned to his old position in Cleveland, which he held until he went to Massillon, Ohio, in March, 1890, where he accepted a position in the mill of Warwick and Justin, and two years later finds him in the same place. He was married June 30th, 1891, at his wife's home in Massillon, Ohio, to ANNA B. FISHER, who was born in Massillon, Ohio, April 19th, 1872. Her father, John Fisher, was a farmer at that time, but two years after he moved with his family to Orrville, Ohio, where he entered into partnership with his brother in a shoe store; five years later the family returned to Massillon, where the father resumed his former occupation. She attended the schools of her native place until she was seventeen. Since their marriage they have been housekeeping by themselves and are now fairly launched upon the stream of life with fair prospects of a pleasant voyage. They have a daughter, MARY MERILLA PRATT, born April 12th, 1892, in Massillon, Starke county, Ohio.

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WILLIS N. and WILSON D. PRATT were born in Franklin, Portage county, Ohio, December 25th, 1869. WILLIS N. PRATT died February 3rd, 1871. WILSON D. PRATT remained at home with his parents until he was about seventeen years old. Attended the district school and Kent High school about two years. His first work upon leaving home was to enter the Railway Speed Recorder shops in Kent to learn the machinist's trade, where he remained until about summer of 1891, when he removed to Massillon, Ohio, and secured a position as machinist in Russell & Co.'s machine shops. He was married by Rev. Andrew Willson, at his residence in Ravenna, Ohio, on the 16th. of May, 1890, to NINA

FOOT, who was born in Streetsboro, Ohio, August 5th, 1871. Her mother died when she was but seven years old, and soon after her father moved to Kent, where he followed his trade of blacksmith. The greater part of two years before her marriage she was working out from home; obtained her education at the Kent schools. They have one son, ROY OSKER PRATT, born in Kent, Ohio, December 30th, 1890.

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CHARLES M. PRATT was born in Franklin, Ohio, March 26th, 1872; died March 27th, 1872.



9th. SARAH ANN OLIN was born in Perry, Wyoming county, New York, February 6th, 1831. She grew up under the influence and strict regulations of her father's home, where she remained until her marriage. During her earlier years she knew what it was to labor, to have a daily task assigned her, with the expectation that in due time it was to be completed. There was too much to be done to think of spending much time in school. Fortunes must be won by manual labor, and it was necessary that the hands be skillfully trained. She was married January 1st, 1850 to HENRY G. BRADLEY, who was born in Litchfield, Conn. He first went to Ohio when a young man, engaged in peddling silverware. He traveled at first on foot, but afterward with horse and wagon; he finally settled in Mantua, Ohio, where he engaged in mercantile pursuits, to which he added that of dealing in produce. He bought and sold large quantities of cheese. His business ventures proved successful. About 1854 he sold out his business in Mantua and purchased a large farm just north of the limits of Kent, in Franklin township,

where he resided for a number of years—marrying a second time after the death of his first wife. Before his death he sold the farm, and afterward fitted up a nice home in the north part of Kent, where he resided a number of years. He died January 10th, 1882, aged 62 years. With the aid of memory's glass, we look back over the many years that have flown since that autumn day that witnessed a funeral cortege, bearing to the silent city of the dead, a young wife and mother. From the expressions written upon the faces of those sad mourners, our sympathies are at once enlisted, and we step nearer for a closer view of the plate upon the coffin lid, upon which is written this name and date: Sarah Ann Bradley, died October 20th, 1855. Her life—just passing from the beautiful morning light into the broad open day,—is suddenly extinguished, and that gentle and submissive spirit is forever free. She was the mother of three children.

WILLIAM H. BRADLEY was born April 6th, 1851, in Mantua, Portage county, Ohio, where his father lived until he was about three years old; he then lived on the farm in Franklin until he engaged in business for himself. He attended school in Kent and then four terms at Mount Union College. Was married September 18th, 1872, at her father's home in Mantua, Ohio, to ADDIE C. FARR, who was born in Mantua, Ohio, April 27th, 1853. She had always resided at her father's home until her marriage, and then some four years afterward, until she began housekeeping for herself. She attended school in Mantua, after which she taught one term in graded school there. Mr. Bradley first began business at Mantua station, in a flour and feed store, on capital furnished by his father; this he continued some three years, when he entered into a more general business, and dealt largely in buying and shipping produce, which he continued as long as his health would permit. The experience obtained

while engaged for three years as salesman for a whole-sale commission house in Cleveland, helped him greatly in making his own business successful. In 1887 his health began to fail, and at present writing is unable to leave his bed and has grave fears for his recovery. They have one son, VERNE H. BRADLEY, born in Mantua, Ohio, July 5th, 1880.

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FLORA L. BRADLEY, only daughter of H. G. and Sarah Ann Bradley, was born October 22nd, 1854. Died April 10th, 1864.

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ANSON L. BRADLEY was born in Franklin, Ohio. Died May 26th, 1858, aged 2 years, 8 months and 11 days.



10th. LAURA OLIN was born in Perry, New York, February, 17th, 1833. Died December 31st, 1833, and was buried at Perry.



11th. ALMIRA OLIN was born in Perry, Wyoming county, New York, October 17th, 1834. She was but four weeks old when her parents left the state and moved to Ohio, where, after a stay of a few months near Mantua, they moved onto their farm in Franklin, which place was her home until she was married and settled in a home of her own.

When old enough she was taught to spin tow and wool, which was spun on the "large wheel." The tow was

first made into what was called "bats," they being fashioned in a similar manner to the rolls made from wool, only they were broader and not so long; they were also made with "cards" similar to wool cards. The spinning of flax required more skill, as it was spun on the "little wheel," the flax being wound upon the distaff and drawn out in a continuous thread with the hands, while the foot was used upon the treadle to turn the wheel that gave the motion for twisting the thread and completed the process. These were the musical instruments the girls used to practice upon, but *now*, alas! the music of the spinning-wheel has "died on our shore." A school house being located near her home, she had an opportunity of attending school and obtaining a fair education; she attended the school until she was sixteen. The rules and regulations of her father's home were quite strict and enforced to the very letter, consequently she had few privileges outside of home, but now in her maturer years she expresses a feeling of gratitude toward her parents for the manner in which she was reared and those noble principles which were instilled into her mind, as the realities of life prove that the love of home, with its hallowed associations, and the true affection centered there, are the sweetest flowers this life affords. January 9th, 1853, she was married in Ravenna, Ohio, to WILLIAM WHITING RUSSELL, who was born in Franklin township, Ohio, July 21st, 1830. He was a member of his father's home until he was fifteen years old, then for the next seven years he was engaged in working out by the month, usually on the farm for some one of the neighbors. One season he worked in one of the grist-mills in the village of Franklin "Mills," as it was then called, but again returned to the farm. The season following her marriage she lived at her father's home, while her husband worked on the farm for him until

August, when he went to Michigan and purchased a farm of 105 acres, then returned to Ohio and on October 26th, 1853, they bade adieu to the friends and homes of childhood and youth and started for their new home in Michigan, in the south part of Richland, Kalamazoo county. They settled on land that was known as "Oak Openings," which is a section of country covered with only the large oak timber, the small undergrowth having been destroyed by forest fires or other causes. The first winter they stayed in a kind of structure that might appropriately be called a "hovel," while they built a log house upon their land; their new house was completed by April, when they moved into it. In the autumn of 1855 they sold their farm to Asa Stratton and then bought another, nearly adjoining, on which was a log house, into which they moved and lived the next year and a half; during this time they built a frame house, into which they then moved. While getting ready to build this house, a large quantity of nice unseasoned lumber had been placed into a sort of kiln to dry. One day, as it was about ready to be taken out, it was discovered to be all on fire and was soon reduced to ashes. It was a serious loss at the time, but only delayed the work, as the house was built as intended, but not with kiln dried lumber. They lived on this place until December, 1859, when having sold it and by request of her father, moved back to Franklin, Ohio, and worked the old home farm for the following three years. They then purchased a farm of about 120 acres near Earlville, in the same township, on which they lived the next six years. In the summer of 1868 they sold their farm and in early September of the same year again started for Michigan, where after a few days spent in looking for a home, they made a selection and, on the 17th day of October, 1868, they moved into their present one in the



north part of Comstock, Kalamazoo county, which has ever since been their home, except the three years they were living on the farm of G. R. C. Adams, which they took to work in connection with their own. For several years past he has, in connection with his farm work, taken jobs to do in mason work, and carpenter work. These jobs frequently take him several miles from home. They have had eight children. The oldest, EUGENE A. RUSSELL, was born in Richland township July 14th, 1854, and died September 13th of the same year.

LAURA E. RUSSELL, was born in Richland, Kalamazoo county, Mich., June 27th, 1855. She was but four years old when her parents moved to Ohio, where they remained about ten years, then returned and settled on the farm in the north of Comstock, which place was her home until her marriage. Her school privileges she improved, and was able, when eighteen, to begin her first term of teaching, which was followed by six more, all being very successfully taught. She was married at her father's home on December 17th, 1879, to DARIUS SIMMONS, who was born in Hamlin, Monroe county, N. Y., February 23rd, 1851. He was but eight months old when his parents removed to Comstock, Kalamazoo county, Mich., where they settled upon a farm, which furnished him employment as soon as he became large enough to labor. He remained with his father until he became of age, then worked out by the month one season. Besides the district school, he attended Kalamazoo Union school one year. His first purchase of land was made in the spring of 1879. It consisted of eighty acres in the south part of Comstock, and for which he paid \$3,000. Soon after their marriage they moved upon the farm, which has been their home ever since. They have two children, VIVIAN A. SIMMONS, was born in Comstock, Kalamazoo

county, Mich., August 1st, 1881; WILLARD M. SIMMONS, was born May 6th, 1886, in Comstock, Kalamazoo county, Mich.

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CHARLES F. RUSSELL was born in the township of Richland, Kalamazoo county, Mich., May 2nd, 1857. He remained with his father until he was twenty-two years old. His education was attended to so that he was enabled to engage successfully in teaching four winters. The first year after attaining his majority he worked by the month, then engaged as clerk in the store of Schroder & Olin, of Galesburg, Mich., where he labored two years. He then engaged with William B. Clark, of Kalamazoo, in dry goods store, where he remained until the fall of 1891, then engaged with Gilmore Brothers, of Kalamazoo, as clerk in their large store. He was married in Otsego, Mich., on January 21st, 1885, to EDNA E. PRATT, who was born May 15th, 1861, near Medina, Orleans county, N. Y., where she lived until she was about four years old; they then moved to Hastings, Mich., and after a stay of two years moved to Otsego, Allegan county, where she lived until their marriage. She attended and graduated from the schools of Otsego, after which she engaged in teaching, and after two terms of district school she was engaged in the primary department of Galesburg Union School, which she taught four years, after which she taught in Otsego Union School one year. Since their marriage they have resided in their own home in the city of Kalamazoo. They have one child, HARRY EARLE RUSSELL, born in Kalamazoo, Mich., September 16th, 1889.

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GEORGE W. RUSSELL was born October 24th, 1858, in Richland, Kalamazoo county, Mich. He was but a

few months old when his parents moved to Ohio, where they remained ten years, and was one of the family on their return to Michigan. His father's farm furnished him employment, and the district school gave him an education, by diligent application. Thus were his years occupied until he became of age, when he began his life work in earnest. Some four years were then passed in working for his father at farm work; he then engaged with Schroder & Olin, to work in their "general store," where he labored eighteen months, then hired out to L. L. Clark, as clerk in his dry goods store in Kalamazoo, where he remained the next two years. He then engaged with Smith and Woodard in the wind-mill business, where he performed the duties of shipping clerk, until about the spring of 1891. His health failing him, he finally ceased hard work and tried to recruit by more out-door exercise. Without taking sufficient time to rest and recover, in the early autumn of 1891, he entered into partnership in a variety store in Kalamazoo, and was soon at work again. He was married in Kalamazoo, Mich., on September 15th, 1888, to JENNIE C. KNERR, who was born November 17th, 1864, in Kalamazoo, Mich., where her home has been located ever since, with the exception of two years that were spent in Three Rivers, Mich., where she was engaged in a millinery store, and attending school. When she was eighteen, she began keeping books for the Singer Company in Kalamazoo, and from that has engaged in clerking in dry-goods and variety store in the same place, until they owned an interest in a store of their own, where she renders valuable aid by her long experience in such business. Since their marriage they have not engaged in housekeeping themselves, but prefer boarding, as it allows them more time in the store.

ADDIE E. RUSSELL was born in the township of Franklin, Portage County, Ohio, September 19th, 1862. She had a place in her father's family in all the changes made in their place of residence in Ohio and Michigan. She received a fair education, which she obtained at the district school, with two terms at Galesburg Union school. She learned dressmaking, which business she followed six years, her services always being in good demand, as she was considered a first class workman. She was married at her father's home in Comstock, March 6th, 1889, to HARRY BURROUGHS, who was born in Streetsboro, Ohio, March 13th, 1860. On his father's farm he has always found a home, and has never been otherwise engaged than in working on it and helping in its management.

His father was a native of the same town and has always lived there on the farm. His mother is a native of the same county, but was born in the township of Charleston. Since their marriage they have lived on the old farm, from which they receive an interest in its proceeds.

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HENRIETTA E. RUSSELL, born February 18th, 1865, in Franklin, Portage County, Ohio, was three and a half years old when her parents moved to their Michigan home, where she lived until her marriage. Previous to that event much of her time for a few years was passed in the schoolroom teaching, and it seemed difficult for her to obtain a vacation of any great time, as her services were in such good demand. She was married at her father's home in Comstock, Michigan, on the evening of September 9th, 1891, to ALBERT D. OLIN, son of N. S. and Augusta Olin, of Streetsboro, Ohio. After their marriage they returned to the old homestead, where he is engaged with his father in farming operations. At

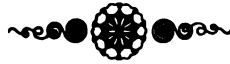
present he is engaged in teaching the Union school at Streetsboro Center.

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IDELLA M. RUSSELL was born April 11th, 1872, in Comstock, Mich. Died August 21st, 1872.

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LEETTA M. RUSSELL was born June 30th, 1874, in Comstock, Kalamazoo County, Mich., where she has ever resided. Her life work to the present has been quietly carried on in the home and in the schoolroom, where she is fitting herself for teacher's work: Her first term was taught in the spring of 1891; the winter following finds her pursuing her studies at the Union school in Galesburg.



12th. ANSON OLIN, born in Franklin, Ohio, January 19th, 1837. Died January 22nd, 1848. Buried in Standing Rock cemetery, near Kent.



13th. DIANTHA OLIN was born in Franklin, Portage County, Ohio, January 19th, 1839. In her early life she witnessed many changes made in the work of the home. The spinning wheel and loom were transferred to less conspicuous places in the garret, where they still remain, their days of usefulness being over. Modern improvements fill the home with many luxuries, which before were considered too expensive. The arts and sciences and even the world itself seemed bursting forth into a brighter and clearer light, from which it seemed

to have received new impetus, and has been rolling steadily on its line of progress. In the twenty years that she remained at home, she attended school in the home district and two terms at Kent, besides bearing a part in the labor of the home, where she was usually found, and where she was married October 2nd, 1859, to BAHAMA CARLTON, who was born April 27th, 1821, in the township of Austin, now Mahoning county, Ohio. Here he lived about nine years, then his parents sold and removed to Lordstown, Trumbull county, and in 1836, sold there and moved to Brookfield, same county, where he lived and worked on the farm until 1861, when he sold out and moved to Hambden, Geauga county, Ohio, where a farm was purchased, and on which they have lived a number of years. Since then they have added more land, until their farm numbers 226 acres. In the spring of 1880 they moved onto a small place in Chardon, which was afterward purchased, and on which they have since lived. They still own the farm in Hambden, which he manages, though now greatly impaired in health. As a speaker upon familiar questions, Mr. Carlton is possessed of more than ordinary ability, and in earlier years took great interest in debating societies, where his talent was at once recognized. They have three children.

ARVIN D. CARLTON was born March 20th, 1864, in Hambden, Geauga county, Ohio, where he lived on the farm until April, 1880, when his parents moved into Chardon; there he had the advantages of higher schools, which he attended, graduating therefrom June 26th, 1883. In September following he commenced work in a drug store in Cleveland. Finding that the confinement of the store was injurious to his health, after a stay of nearly a year, he left and returned home to work on his father's farm one year. The winter of 1885-86 was teaching a district school in Montville; the following

summer he went to Dakota, where he employed his time until January, 1887, keeping books for an agricultural implement company; was married March 10th, 1887, at her father's home in Kirtland, Ohio, to IDA MAY UPHAM, who was born August 29th, 1863, in Kirtland, Ohio, where she lived with her parents until her marriage. She attended school in Willoughby and Painesville, until she was sixteen, when she began teaching and taught eleven terms, when married, and three since. Since their marriage they have resided at her father's place, have purchased half interest in his fruit farm, and now rents the other half and employs his time in looking after its interests. Has devoted some of his winters, lately, to teaching, having now taught eight terms. They have one child. LOYD S. CARLTON, born May 2nd, 1889, in Kirtland, Ohio.

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MARILLA D. CARLTON was born in Hambden, Geauga county, Ohio, May 16th, 1867. Attended the schools of Chardon, Ohio, from which she graduated in 1884, then taught three terms of school in Geauga county. January 10th, 1889, she went to Oberlin, Ohio, where she completed a course in stenography, taking a position as stenographer in Wright Publishing House in Indianapolis, Ind., in September, 1889. Remained with the firm until the last of July, 1890, having removed with them to Chicago a few months before. Was married at her father's home in Chardon, Ohio, August 20th, 1890, to HUME ALLEN TURNER, who was born in Fairfield, Illinois, October, 4th, 1860. His father being a farmer, his youth was passed on the farm. Later on he attended school at Danville, Indiana, also Butler College, at Irvington, same state. He began teaching at twenty, and taught four years; was then engaged in book pub-

lishing business nearly five years. At the beginning of the year 1891, he entered upon his life work as a Christian minister, and now has charge of the church at Lafayette, Indiana. They have one daughter, PEARL LILLIAN TURNEY, who was born in Lafayette, Indiana, August 14th, 1891.

GRANT L. CARLTON was born May 2nd, 1870, in Hambden, Ohio. Until he was about twenty, he remained with his father; attended school in Chardon, but left before graduating to clerk in a store in Cleveland, where he remained some six months. Since then he has been at times engaged in working out by the month on the farm during the summer season. During the past year he has been employed as traveling salesman for a soap company, his present field of labor being in West Virginia.





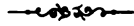




ROXALANA GREEN-OLIN.



**DIVISION 5TH.**



**Families and Descendants**  
**OF**  
**ASA OLIN BRANCH.**



Asa Olin was born March 11th, 1799, in Shaftsbury, Vermont. He remained at home, working for his father on the farm, or for some of the neighbors, until he was past twenty-one years of age. In the spring of 1821—February 4th—he was married to Roxalana Green, of Shaftsbury, where they remained till the 5th of November following; he then, in company with his brother Ezra, set out on foot for Perry, New York, a distance of three hundred miles. The snow and mud which they had to contend with the greater part of the way, made their journey a fatiguing one, yet they accomplished it in about nine days. He could not content himself to remain long in idleness in that new country, where all were busily engaged in clearing the land, and making homes for themselves. He very soon purchased fifty acres of land, and then set about getting his young wife from Vermont. His brother Arvin let him take one of his horses to return with, for that purpose. As the sleighing was “pretty fair,” he thought to improve it by constructing what was then called a “Genessee Cutter,”

which perhaps would be better known at this time as a *pung* or *juniper*. It was rudely fashioned from a couple of stout saplings, each of which made a runner and thill in one. A box was fastened upon the runners, on which he was enabled to place a bag of oats for his horse, and which also made a seat for himself; seated upon this rude structure, he good naturedly received the smiles of his friends as they kindly expressed their opinions of his fine appearance, and with a hearty good-bye he was off on his way back to the old home. He remained but a short time in Vermont ere he had all his possessions loaded upon a sleigh, and with another horse that his father gave him, for services rendered after he was of age, he bade adieu to his old mountain home and with his wife started out to make a home for themselves in that beautiful and fertile section of the West. He had no fine house elegantly furnished to take his bride into, but among the stumps and logs was a place that served as a shelter, and to which could be applied the name *home*; although it was built of logs, yet it was in the style and fashion of the times and was as good as their neighbor's had. Their barn was a mere hovel, which soon gave way to a more respectable and convenient structure. When the payments upon his land became due he did not shrink from making a journey on foot to Canandaigua, a distance of forty miles, to meet them. They were all paid promptly, which caused the land agent to remark that "a man with such energy as that will succeed in paying for his farm."

His first piece of land was soon cleared and paid for; more land was bought and added to it, until his farm contained over three hundred acres. Good and comfortable buildings were erected and he was surrounded with many of the comforts and pleasant prospects of life; They had but one child, LUCY JANE OLIN, who was born

in Perry, New York, June 26th, 1825. She was married when a little more than sixteen and a half years old to Charles B. Huntington. She lived only about two months after her marriage. She died May 8th, 1842, aged 16 years, 10 months and 12 days. The father lived but a few years after the death of his daughter.

While engaged in threshing of his grain one day in autumn, he overtaxed his strength, was taken very ill and soon feeling that his life was fast drawing to a close, he accordingly arranged his business affairs, drew up his will, in which he disposed of his property, which was valued at twenty thousand dollars. Within four days from the time he was taken ill he expired. He died October 8th, 1850. His wife was afterward married to Alexander Corbitt, but her former companion retained the first place in her affections, and to the end of her life his memory was ever fondly cherished. She died very suddenly in her home in Perry on June 2nd, 1867. Thus the last of ASA OLIN's family departed, and the race was *extinct*.



## DIVISION 6.



# Families and Descendants OF PHILIP OLIN BRANCH.



Philip Olin was born in the old Green Mountain state, while his parents lived in Shaftsbury. He was the sixth of their children and was born October 22nd, 1800. The first twenty-two years of his life was passed amid the scenes surrounding his birth-place. His time was employed in helping to carry on his father's farm, and in doing whatever he could to aid his father in the support of the family. Like all the rest of the children his school-days were very limited, and what advantages he did have were not so fruitful in results as are the common schools of to-day, with all their improved methods. The country about his early home was very rocky and mountainous, the soil very thin and poor, and required great amount of labor to obtain anything like a fair return. The crops mostly cultivated were corn and rye, which formed the principal material for their bread, and most people were quite content if they possessed even enough of these necessities. They seemed to greatly enjoy their manner of living, which, though it did not afford them many of the luxuries which are so common



CLARISSA REYNOLDS-OLIN.







at the present day, yet it brought them the blessings of health and gave them strength and endurance to carry on their plans of life. Philip Olin was married in November, 1822 to CLARISSA REYNOLDS in the town of Manchester, Vermont, her native place. Soon after their marriage they moved to Perry, New York, where they went onto a place that his brother Arvin had bargained for of General Wadsworth. This place was their home for the next two or three years, when he moved onto what were known as the "flats," where he engaged in boarding the hands who were working for Gen. Wadsworth on his lands. After a year spent on the "flats," he went onto a place in the adjoining town of Orangeville, where he lived a few years. While on his place in Orangeville he lost a span of horses by being stolen; it caused him much anxiety and expense in looking for them; he finally succeeded in recovering them, but they were in a poor and famished condition and of little value. After selling his first farm in Orangeville he bought another one near by, which was their home until the spring of 1837, when he sold out and moved to Black Rock, near Buffalo, where he remained a short time, until he rented a farm across in Canada, on which they then lived until the following September, when they started to proceed further West. They took boat at Buffalo for Toledo, with their goods and team. When opposite Cleveland they encountered a severe storm, so were obliged to put into the harbor there for safety. Upon arriving at Toledo they proceeded with their team across the famous "Maumee Country," with its low, swampy land and endless black mud, which rendered their journey a very slow and tedious one. The country through which they traveled was very thinly settled, and they were often obliged to camp out at night and do for themselves as best they could. They finally came to

the vicinity of the old Tippecanoe battle ground, and at a place now called Delphi, Indiana, they prepared to make their home. A neighbor kindly gave them permission to share his home, while their own was being built, which was made of logs and covered with "shakes," which were cut and split for that purpose. The door was made of the same material and hung upon wooden pins or hinges that were driven into the logs. For windows, greased papers were pasted over slats that were fastened across openings left for that purpose. Such was a pioneer's home. It was about a mile and a half to the nearest neighbors, and only three or four lived in the vicinity. The land was purchased of the Government for about one dollar and twenty-five cents per acre.

On the return of summer they discovered their location to be a very unhealthy one, and finally all were suffering with fever and ague, and the poisonous malaria that settled around them. With the uncertainty of ever enjoying good health by remaining longer, it was then decided to return to Perry, N. Y., which journey was made with their team and wagon.

But his experience on his western trip told sadly on his naturally strong constitution. He did not seem to regain his health, and while attending his brother Samuel's sale in Perry, he took a severe cold and in about one week, on the 6th day of March, 1839, his sufferings ended ere he had scarcely reached the meridian of life. He died, aged 38 years, 4½ months. He was the first to break that family circle which had so long been so wonderfully preserved.

His wife with their three children, then left fatherless, were cared for by their kindred. Philip, the youngest son, was taken by his uncle, Asa Olin, who filled a father's place while he lived. The mother with her two older

children lived with their grandfather Olin a short time, then went to Vermont to live with her brother, William Reynolds, where they resided about a year. A little incident occurring at that time is told by their son Frank, who still remembers it well. When they were about to return to Perry, he and his brother Columbus went out and gathered some wild strawberries, which they took to the mill and exchanged for some flour, which their mother made into bread to be used on their journey to Perry. *That* he said, was the first *white* bread they had seen for a year. After their return Columbus remained at his uncle Truman's, and Frank at his uncle Asa Olin's, while their mother went to Ohio, where she remained a year, then returned for her two boys, whom she took back to Claridon, Geauga County, Ohio, which place was her home the remaining years of her life, which terminated on the fifth day of June, 1868. She was buried in the cemetery near her last home; her declining years were made pleasant by the kindness and attention of her son, who in return for that constant care received in early life, repaid at last by bearing her burdens and helping her over the last and most difficult part of life's journey, as her feeble steps entered the "valley of the shadow." Of their three children, FRANK OLIN, the oldest, was born in Orangeville, N. Y., January 10th, 1833. He was with his parents through all the changes they made in their home by removals. After his father's death he lived for a time with his relatives in Perry, and then went with his mother to live with his uncle in Manchester, Vermont. After remaining there a year they returned to Perry, where he remained the next year with his uncle Asa. He then returned with his mother to her home in Claridon, Geauga County, Ohio; he was then about ten years old. About three years afterward he went to Franklin, where he

staid with his uncle Arvin Olin one year, and then returned to his home in Claridon. After about a year he returned and worked for his uncle two years more. He continued to work out by the month until he was eighteen years old, then began business for himself. At first he was engaged in working out by the month at different places, until he purchased a piece of land and began farming. While he lived in Ohio his home was in different places in Geauga County, and in the north part of Portage county, having rented and owned farms in both counties. While there he was principally engaged in dairy farming.

July 4th, 1853, he was married in Freedom, Ohio, to MARY R. CADWELL, who was born April 30th, 1833, in New Haven, Conn. Her father was a mechanic and moved to the town of Hiram, Portage county, Ohio, when she quite young, and where she remained with the family until her marriage. In February, 1865, having sold out in Ohio, they moved into the township of Benton, Eaton county, Mich., onto a new farm and began the work of clearing and farming. He afterward made some changes by buying and selling, until about 1884 he purchased a farm of 80 acres in the northeast part of Benton, where he has since resided. Since he has lived in Michigan, he has cleared 120 acres of land, and made many other permanent improvements in his home. They have had six children.

CARRIE D. OLIN was born in Huntsburg, Ohio, May 5th, 1854. She was about eleven years old when her parents moved to Benton, Mich., where she lived with her parents until her marriage, February 26th, 1876, to CLINTON C. FAST, who was born in Ashland County, Ohio, July 15th, 1852. He was about a year old when his parents moved to Potterville, Mich., where he has ever since resided.

After their marriage they began on a farm adjoining her father's in Benton, where they lived some eleven years. They then moved into Potterville, and entered into business, but had not been there long when death entered their home, Carrie D. Fast died February 27th, 1888; was buried in the cemetery of Potterville, Mich. She was the mother of four children.

WALTER FAST was born in Benton, Eaton County, Mich., March 19th, 1877.

HOMER FAST was born in Benton, Mich., June 19th, 1878.

MABEL FAST was born July 3rd, 1880, in Benton township, Mich.

LEO FAST was born in Benton, Eaton County, Mich., January 19th, 1883.

C. C. Fast has married again and now resides in Potterville, where he is engaged in business.

2. CHARLIE OLIN was born in Hambden, Geauga County Ohio, May 5th, 1857.

He made his home with his father until he was about twenty-four years old; he then went away to learn and work at photographing. Before becoming permanently settled in the business he would occasionally return home to work and remain for a time. At present he is located at Cassopolis, Mich., where he has been for some time. He has also had a gallery located at Scotts, Galesburg, Lansing, and other places. He has acquired great skill in music, and while at Galesburg he organized and led the Olin Cornet band. He also organized a cornet band composed of young ladies, at Grand Ledge, Mich. He remains unmarried.

3. MYRTA J. OLIN was born October 24th, 1859, in Nelson, Portage County, Ohio. She removed with her parents to Michigan, and made her home with them until her marriage. She attended school in Potterville and Charlotte, after which she engaged in school-teaching some eight terms. She was married in Potterville, Eaton County, Mich., December 24th, 1880, to Frank J. Johnson, who was born at Eaton Rapids, Mich., October 1st, 1856. He was raised upon the farm, which occupation he still continues, as he now lives upon and works his farm in Benton. They have one son, Loren Olin Johnson, who was born in Pottsville, Mich., May 25th, 1886.

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4. LILLIE M. OLIN was born in Parkman, Ohio, December 27th, 1862.

She received a common school education; her time until her marriage was passed principally at her father's home.

She was married in Eaton, Eaton County, Mich., September 24th, 1882, to FRED A. BAILEY, who was born November 17th, 1858, in Eaton, Eaton County, Mich. His father was a farmer, which occupation he followed until his marriage, after which he engaged in carpenter work for two years, then began house painting, which he followed two or three years and then was engaged with the Potter Furniture Company at Potterville. April 15th, 1890, he left there and removed to Lansing, Mich., where he is engaged in a large furniture factory and where they now reside. They have a home in Potterville which they rent since their removal. They have one daughter, Mary May Bailey, born in Potterville, Eaton County, Mich., August 11th, 1889.

5. FRANKIE C. OLIN was born April 13th, 1871, in Benton, Eaton County, Michigan. The farm has been his home from his earliest years, and the district school has furnished him the means of an education. He still makes his home with his father whom he assists with his farm work. He has a fine taste for music and has become an accomplished player on the violin. He was married in 1888 to ADDIE FRENCH, who was born in Benton, Mich., where her whole life was passed. Her mother died when she was quite young, thus leaving the cares of the home resting upon her, as she was the only daughter in the family of five children. Her married life was of short duration, continuing scarcely a year, when, after a short illness, she was borne away to her last resting place in the cemetery. She left a daughter, ETHEL OLIN, born in Benton, Michigan, September 18th, 1888. Since writing the above, we have to record the death of Frankie C. Olin, who died *September 16th, 1891*, of typhoid fever.

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6th. LOUIE OLIN, born in Benton, Eaton County, Mich., April 5th, 1874. He is residing with his father on the farm there.



COLUMBUS OLIN was born in Orangeville, Wyoming County, New York, March 23rd, 1834. He lived with his parents until the death of his father. When he was about three years old his parents lived in Canada, near the banks of the Niagara river. One day he and his brother Frank were out playing near the water, when they espied a boat moored at the shore. It was not long ere he had climbed into it and his brother, thinking to give him a ride, would push the boat out

into the stream, then haul it to shore again by means of a long rope that was fastened to it. This was repeated a few times, till at last the rope slipped through his hands and he began to drift out into the mighty stream. His brother's cries soon brought his mother upon the scene, who, in her frantic grief, thought her little boy was surely doomed to pass over the falls below; just then a man on horseback made his appearance and, taking in the situation, hurriedly procured a long pole and with its aid managed to haul the little sailor to shore, which effectually ended his prospects for further boating excursions there. He was about eight years old when he left Perry, New York, with his mother and brother, to live in Claridon, Geauga County, Ohio. When he was about 10 years old he went away to live with a farmer, where he remained some three years. He then went back to live with his uncle, John Hodges, with whom he staid until he was about twenty years old and worked on the farm. In company with his brother, they purchased 100 acres of land in Huntsburg, Ohio, which they afterward divided.

While at work on this land he had the misfortune to break his limb, which laid him up several months. He sold his farm after keeping it a year; he then hired out to work for his uncle one year, and before the time was completed he was married, October 14th, 1855, to SARAH STROUD, who was born in Montville, Ohio, June 12th, 1839. Her life appears to have been an uneventful one, as she remained at home until a short time before her marriage; she was engaged in working for a neighbor by the week. After their marriage he purchased a farm in Hambden, on which they remained some four years, then sold out and afterwards owned more land in the same town and in Parkman, same county. • He has



been engaged the greater part of his life in working at farming, either on land of his own or rented farms. His business formerly was that of dairying. After his marriage his mother had a home with him until her death.

In July, 1878, he removed with his family to Charlotte, Michigan, where in that vicinity he lived until the spring of 1886. Having an opportunity to trade his property there for a place in Coral, Montcalm County, Mich., he then went there to live. While he was yet living in Charlotte his wife died, after a short illness, on February 21st, 1886, and was buried there. After living for a time with his daughter in Coral, he returned to Ohio, where he was married in Mentor to Caroline M. Lattin, who was born in Parkman, Geauga County, Ohio, January 13th, 1842. She lived in Parkman until she was 10 years old, then went to reside with John Hodge, of Huntsburg, where she lived with them there and in Claridon some 16 years. They then removed to Mentor, where she lived until her marriage. After spending a season on a rented farm in Hambden, they returned to Coral, where they resided until the first of the year 1890 then removed onto a place of 80 acres near Lakeview, Montcalm County, where they now reside. Columbus and Sarah Olin had five children.

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1. EMMA OLIN was born in Hambden, Geauga County, Ohio, January 7th, 1857. She found a home with her parents until her marriage, September 27th, 1880, in Charlotte, Michigan, to HENRY HAUN, who was born in 1851 in Benton, Mich. Her married life was of short duration, as on April 22nd, 1881, she died and was buried in Charlotte cemetery.

2. CLARA J. OLIN was born July 12th, 1859, in Hambden, Ohio. She was married May 25th, 1879, to George D. Welch, who was born in Cayuga County, New York, October 18th, 1850. He was brought upon a farm, which occupation he continued, and rented farms after he was married. They had two children. FRED B. WELCH was born at Charlotte, Eaton County, Mich., September 16th, 1883. CLAUDE WELCH was born in Walton, Mich., April 24th, 1885. Died November 2nd, 1885; is buried in Charlotte cemetery. Mrs. Welch separated from her husband for non-support. Is now living with her second husband, Patrick W. McMahon, on a rented farm in Manchester, Washtenaw County, Mich.

3. BARBARY OLIN was born in Claridon, Ohio, June 15th, 1865, and died March 4th, 1867, from severe injuries received from sitting down in a pail of hot water while playing about the floor.

4. CHLOA OLIN was born in Claridon, Geauga County, Ohio, September 28th, 1868. She remained with her father until after her marriage, which occurred in Lakeview, Michigan, February 14th, 1887, to Frank Brown, who was born in Fredonia, Calhoun County, Mich., December 12th, 1864. He was brought up on a farm, but since his marriage has been engaged in working in a shingle mill. Their home at present is at Evart, Mich. They have two children. VERNIE BROWN, was born in Evart, Osceola County, Mich., August 8th, 1889. CLYDE BROWN was born in Cato, Montcalm County, Mich., July 7th, 1891.

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5. FRANK OLIN was born August 4th, 1876, in Sheffield, Ashtabula County, Ohio.

3rd. PHILIP OLIN, JR., was born near Black Rock, Canada, August 13th, 1837. He was about eighteen months old when his father died, and was taken by his uncle, Asa Olin, with whom he lived until his uncle's death, some eleven years afterward. He still made his home with his aunt on the old place until her marriage, which occurred when he was seventeen years old. Having by his uncle Asa's will become interested in 100 acres of land and its avails, after his aunt's marriage he chose his uncle, Paris Olin, his guardian, after which he was usually working out by the month. He attended school at Perry Academy, also select school in Castile. November 23rd, 1857, he married in Leicester, Livingston County, N. Y., to MARIA R. GOULD, who was born March 20th, 1838, in the same township where she was married and had lived until that time. She was teaching school in the district when she made her husband's acquaintance. After their marriage they resided in a house near his farm, which he owned and worked a number of years. She was the mother of five children.

1. LUCY JANE OLIN was born in Perry, New York, November 7th, 1858. Until her marriage she was at home assisting in the labors there and attending school in Perry, and Perry Center. Was married at her father's home April 3rd, 1878, to GEORGE W. ABRAMS, who was born in Rochester, New York, June 17th, 1850. When he was two years old his parents removed to Hornellsville, same state, and from there to Perry in 1856. Before he became of age he passed his time on the farm and in learning the builder's trade of his father who was a master builder in his day. Began housekeeping on a farm in Perry in which he owned half interest and at his father's death became sole possessor. They worked and carried on their farm until they sold out and moved to Eugene, Oregon, where they arrived January 31st, 1889. After-

ward purchased a lot and built a house upon it, which has been their home since. Has been engaged in contracting and building, besides dealing some in real estate. While in Perry they enjoyed a membership in the Baptist Society. After their arrival in the West they claimed and received cordial fellowship greetings.

2. ASA L. OLIN was born August 11th, 1860, in Perry, New York. Left home before he became of age, and engaged in working out by the day and month. Is not as yet settled in any particular business. Has passed the last few years in Michigan.

3. WILLARD E. OLIN born in Perry, December 9th, 1862. Died March 5th, 1868; buried at Perry Centre.

4. ROXALANA OLIN, born in Perry, New York, July 5th, 1864. Her mother died before she was four years old. Remained at home until she was fourteen, since then has worked out and supported herself. Lived the greater part of the time in Perry; was a year and a half in Geneseo. In the fall of 1890 she went to Michigan where, after a few months spent in visiting her father and friends, she left intending to visit her sister in Eugene, Oregon, but stopped at Cassopolis, Mich., with her cousin Charlie Olin, where she is at present.

5. PHILIP OLIN, JR., was born in Perry, N. Y., September 10th, 1866. Began working out from home after he was large enough to earn wages. The last few years has been passed, principally, in the vicinity of Charlotte, Mich.

MARIA R. OLIN died at her home in Perry, after a short and severe illness, May 17th, 1868; was buried in Perry Center cemetery.

PHILIP OLIN was married the second time in Perry Village, October 19th, 1868, to HARRIET A. MATTE-SON, who was born February 25th, 1847, in Castile, Wyoming County, N. Y., where she resided on a farm

until she was married, with the exception of three years after she was seven years old, when her parents were living in Ohio and Michigan and then returned. She has had three children.

1. A DAUGHTER, born in Perry, March 2nd, 1872. Died March 10th, 1872; buried in Perry.

2. CLARA MAY OLIN was born May 15th, 1877, in Perry, Wyoming County, N. Y.

3. A SON, born in Eaton, Eaton County, Mich., October 19th, 1880. Died October 27th, 1880; buried in Eaton.

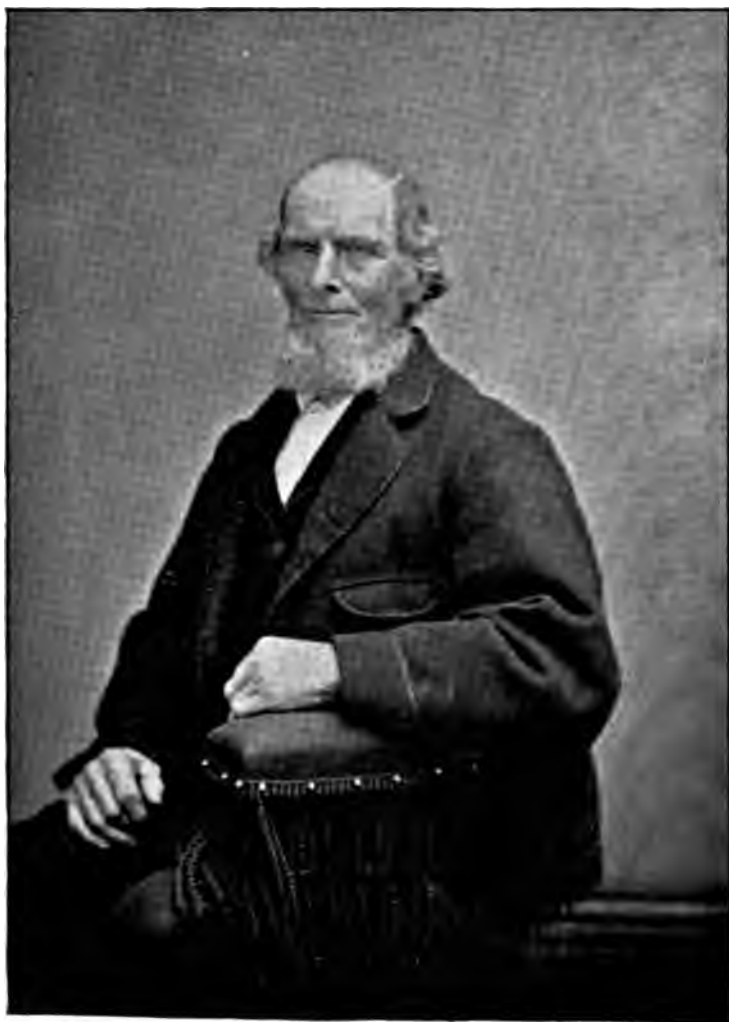


DIVISION 7.  
**Families and Descendants**  
OF THE  
**EZRA OLIN, JR., BRANCH.**



EZRA OLIN, JR., was born in Saint Albans, Vermont, September 16th, 1802. While he was yet an infant, his father returned to Shaftsbury, which place he had left some two years before; his home was then in Shaftsbury, until he was some 19 years old. He attended school, which was kept in the old school house in the little hamlet at the center. In his younger days his time was employed in working for his father, or when not needed at home, he was working for some neighbor. When he was fifteen and sixteen years of age, he worked for the son of old Governor Galusha of Vermont. On his farm the business was the raising of corn, oats, potatoes and flax. He relates a little incident that occurred one day when he was working at home. His father had gone to work in the saw mill, and had left the younger boys in charge of their older brother John; that day their work was pulling flax, and after working awhile, he began to feel quite lazy, and was considerably inclined to indulge his feelings and rest a little; his brother told him he had better keep at work; but pulling flax, he thought, was such hard word, and it made his back ache, too. So disre-





EZRA OLIN, JR.







LUCY BARNARD-OLIN.





garding what his brother said to him, he again neglected his work, and all thoughts of it had fled from his mind, when suddenly and unexpectedly his brother reminded him very forcibly of his duty by a few sharp cuts upon his back with a handful of flax, which had the desired effect for the rest of that day. He made his first trip to Perry when he was about seventeen years old; he then went with his brother Philip. After his arrival he worked for his brothers there, then returned to Vermont, where he remained until November 5th, 1821, when, with the large sum of a dollar and fifty cents in his pocket, and his knapsack on his shoulder, he started with his brother Asa to make the trip of three hundred miles on foot to Perry, New York, where, upon his arrival, he hired out to work on the farm for his brothers Samuel and Arvin for seven months. He was married January 17th, 1822, to LUCY BARNARD, at her father's home in Leicester, N. Y. She was born April 4th, 1804. The place of her birth seems to be a matter of some doubt, but according to the best authority it was Fitchburg, Mass. Her father moved into Leicester, Livingston county, about six years before his daughter's marriage, and settled upon a farm of about fifty acres, which he was improving and cultivating. After their marriage, he worked his brother Samuel's farm, one of the two years that he was back in Whitestown. He then bought a place of sixty acres in Perry, which he kept for a time and finally sold to his brother Arvin, then bought a piece of fifty acres in the north part of Perry, which he owned and lived upon about two years, then sold out and worked one year for his brother John; and the year following for his brother Arvin. Having lived in Perry until after the birth of his daughter, Marinda, he next moved into the town of Castile, same county, and purchased a farm of one hundred acres.

which was their home three years. Again sold out and moved into the town of Orangeville, in same county, where he bought thirty acres of land. In May, 1836, sold out and moved to Ohio with team and wagon, besides one horse and wagon, which the mother drove, having for an assistant, her son Arvin, who was then about four months old, and was very lively and frisky. The family settled in Franklin, Portage county, where, for the rest of the season, he helped his brother Arvin in his farm work. He then bought a piece of fifty acres in the north part of Franklin, on the east side of the lake, where they lived some five years; three years of the time he was deprived of his eyesight, two years he could not even distinguish daylight from darkness. In 1841, he traded his fifty acres with one hundred dollars in money for 182 acres of entirely new land in Windsor, Ashtabula county, Ohio. After remaining on his new farm for a time, he returned with his family to Portage county again, where he worked a rented farm some two years, when, becoming a little "forehanded," he again returned to his home in Windsor, in which town he has ever since resided. Some of his children still remember this second removal, as it occurred in mid-winter with a sleigh, which was provided with a cover, and into which they were closely packed to keep them warm. About ten years after his return, he bought another piece of fifty acres, to which he has since added sixty acres more. Besides his farm work he has been engaged in doing jobbing work whenever he could make it pay to do so. At one time he owned and operated a steam saw mill near his home in Windsor, some three years, which proved a bad investment, and was the means of his losing some three thousand dollars, at a time when he had fairly commenced to accumulate property. From its effects he never regained his former position. He

felt reluctant in engaging in the business, but says he was rather urged into it in opposition to his best judgment. After their removal to Windsor he experienced many years of hard labor in clearing his farm and fitting up his buildings, and was forced to practice much self-denial and close economy in rearing and providing for his large family, with the small means then at his command; yet he passed through it all successfully, and has lived to see his children all occupying good and comfortable homes of their own, living honorable and upright lives, and of society worthy and respected members. January 17th, 1872, he and his wife celebrated their fiftieth wedding anniversary at their home in Windsor.

In the early autumn of 1877 they made a visit to their friends in Perry, New York, and while there his faithful companion, who had stood by his side for fifty-five years was, stricken down, and after a short illness expired, October 13th, 1877. Her lifeless form was taken back and placed in the cemetery not far from her Windsor home. She was the mother of thirteen children.

1st. PARIS OLIN was born in Perry, N. Y., January 24th, 1823. Died August 26th, 1824. Buried in Perry.



2d and 3rd. ALONZO and LORENZO were born in Perry, New York, June 24th, 1824.

ALONZO OLIN was about eight years old when his parents left Perry and moved to Franklin, Ohio. He remained at home until he was about fifteen years old. In the month of November of the same year he started on foot with his brother to make a journey to "York State," where, upon arriving, he hired out to work for his uncle, Truman Olin, receiving his board and clothing, together with three months' schooling and \$25

per year. He remained with his uncle until he was eighteen, and then with his brother returned to Ohio in the same manner they went away. The year following he worked for Jas. D. Haymaker, of Franklin, receiving \$11 per month. At the end of the year he accompanied his father in his removal to Windsor, onto his new farm some two miles into the woods. First, a place had to be cleared on which to build their log house. He assisted his father and brothers during the winter in cutting off the heavy timber, from the ashes of which "Salts" were made, from the sale of which necessities were obtained at the grocery store. After a stay of two years in their new home, he went back with the family to the "old stone house" on Samuel Olin's farm in Streetsboro. He worked for his father while there and took part in cutting the ten cords of wood for a wager that is spoken of in his brother Lorezo's sketch. March 25th, 1845, his father gave him his time. He then hired out for a year and a half to J. D. Haymaker again. He then worked a year for Albert Doolittle, of Streetsboro. During the time he was working out he purchased a farm of fifty acres in Hartsgrove, Ohio. He was married October 14th, 1849, in Hartsgrove, Ashtabula County, Ohio, to CAROLINE B. HUBBARD, who was born in Lyons, Jefferson County, N. Y., September 13th, 1828. She was the oldest daughter in a family of ten children, and was but five years old when her parents moved to a farm in Hartsgrove, which was her home till her marriage; then moved onto their place, which he worked, and also engaged in making cheese boxes and sleighs. After about four years he sold his farm and rented a small place at the center of Hartsgrove for a year, and there worked at the trade of carpenter and joiner. He then bought a lot near by and built a house upon it, which was their home for the next four years, during which

time he was mostly engaged in bridge building. He then sold his place there and bought fifty acres of land one and a half miles west of town, on which they moved in the spring of 1857 and lived some three years. In the spring of 1860 they moved onto a place of thirty acres in the south part of Trumbull, and with which they obtained one-half interest in the sawmill that his brother Lorenzo had erected a few years before. In the fall of 1860 he, with others, went into Canada prospecting for oil, but not meeting with success went to Mecca, Ohio, on the breaking out of the oil excitement there, and engaged for a time in drilling oil wells. Then returned to his farm which he worked until the summer of 1863, then went to the oil section in Crawford County, Penn., where he was working at his trade when he met with very severe injuries from being burned. He was sleeping one night in a little room near where a large engine was running; the engineer, through some carelessness, set fire to some very inflammable material near the door of his little room, which at once burst into flame and set the building on fire. He was soon roused from his sleep to find his room full of flame and, being bewildered and nearly suffocated from heat and smoke, it was some little time before he could find the window, and then after several ineffectual attempts, succeeded in rolling out of the burning building and in reaching a place of safety, after those who witnessed the scene supposed he must have certainly perished. After several weeks of terrible suffering he was able to return home, where he remained several months before he was able to resume work again. In the early summer he sold out and started for Michigan in a wagon with his family, where, on the 23rd of June, 1864, he arrived in Augusta. He then rented a farm for two years, then moved to Eaton County, Mich., and purchased a farm of 80 acres, on which he lived

some six years. While getting timber to build a barn on his place it became necessary for him to build a temporary bridge, and in doing so his first trouble with his limb began, which, after a great deal of suffering, ended in its amputation, which was performed the third time before a place above the affected bone was reached. In the spring of 1872 he sold his farm and bought a place of 25 acres in the West part of Charleston, Kalamazoo County. In October of the same year his limb was taken off. In the fall of 1874, he returned to Windsor, Ohio, where he rented a farm and also ran a "peddling wagon." Having sold his land in Michigan, in the spring of 1878 he bought a small place in Windsor township, which has since been his home. When not engaged in working at the carpenter trade, he is making some article of furniture, or doing some job work for his neighbors. They have had nine children.

1. ELLA V. OLIN was born July 30th, 1850, in Streetsboro, Ohio. She was married in Olivet, Michigan, to DELOS SLOAN, July 6th, 1868, but died soon after, on July 10th, 1870, and is buried in the state where she last sought a home.

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2. FRED H. OLIN was born March 19th, 1852, in Harts Grove, Ohio. Received his education at the district schools. He went to Michigan with his father, with whom he remained until he was twenty-one. Then went to Sand Lake, Mich., where he engaged as lumber inspector until his marriage, February 1st, 1879, in Grand Rapids, Mich., to MARY A. HANNIBAL, who was born December 8th, 1845, in Grand Rapids, where she lived until her marriage. Attended the common schools. After their marriage he bought an interest in a planing mill in Sand Lake, which busi-



ness he has followed the greater part of the time since; he was also engaged in the lumber trade there. In the spring of 1886, he removed his family to Jonesborough, Tenn., where he engaged in the lumber business but a few weeks, as his business partner died; he then returned to Grand Rapids, where he engaged in business. In the spring of 1887, he sold his business interests in Sand Lake, and in company with Ware Brothers has erected new and extensive lumber works in the south part of Grand Rapids, which now engages his attention. They have three children.

1. MILLIE E. OLIN was born at Sand Lake, Kent County, Mich., March 9th, 1880.

2. BRUFF WARE OLIN, born July 7th, 1882, at Sand Lake, Mich.

3. KITTIE A. OLIN was born in Jonesborough, Washington County, Tenn., April 9th, 1886.

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3 JULIA H. OLIN was born July 9th, 1854, in Hartsgrove, Ohio. Died November 26th, 1868, and buried in Walton, Eaton County, Mich.

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4. EUNICE E. OLIN was born September 27th, 1856, in Hartsgrove, Ashtabula County, Ohio. Her home was with her parents until she was about eighteen years old, after which she was usually engaged in working out by the week. She was married in Girard, Penn., December 24th, 1881, to EDWIN WILKERSON, who was born in Forrestville, Chautauqua County, N. Y., December 31st, 1855. He lived in his native town until he was about fourteen years old when his father moved to Kingsville, Ohio, where he lived until about the spring of 1878, he moved to Windsor, Ohio, where he has been

ever since. He learned the blacksmith trade, which he now carries on at Windsor Center, Ohio. They have three children.

HALLIE WILKERSON was born in Windsor, Ohio, March 26th, 1885.

KATIE WILKERSON, born November 1st, 1887, in Windsor, Ashtabula connty.

WADE WILKERSON, born in Windsor, Ohio, July 4th, 1889.

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5. ORRIN G. OLIN was born in Hartsgrrove, Ashtabula county, Ohio, February 2nd, 1859. He lived at home until the spring of 1880, when he went to Sand Lake, Mich., and was engaged working in the mill for his brother Fred and his partner for ten years; went to Tennessee with his brother, and also returned with him to Grand Rapids. About the first of the year 1890, he went to the state of Texas and engaged as fireman on the railroad with the view of becoming a railroad engineer.

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6. WARD S. OLIN was born October 6th, 1861, in Trumbull, Ohio. Died August 25th, 1864; was buried in Galesburg, Mich.

7. ELGIVA M. OLIN was born November 20th, 1866, at Olivet, Eaton county, Mich. Died May 15th, 1874; was buried at Galesburg, Mich.

8. ALONZO OLIN was born in Olivet, Mich., March 30th, 1869. Died April 8th, 1869; buried in Walton, Eaton county.

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9. CLARA A. OLIN was born in Charleston, Kalamazoo county, Mich., August 18th, 1872. Always

lived at home with her parents until her marriage, which occurred at Windsor Center, Ohio, July 3rd, 1889, to ARCH W. STRONG, who was born in Huntsburg, Geauga county, Ohio, December 16th, 1867. For the last six years he has lived with his mother and step-father, assisting in the work on the farm. He obtained a common school education. At present writing he has not engaged in any business for himself, but assists in the care of the farm since the recent death of his step-father.



2nd. LORENZO L. OLIN was born in Perry, New York, June 24th, 1824, where he passed the first eight years of his life. His father then moved to Ohio with his family, stopping a short time in the township of Streetsboro, until he bought a place of fifty acres on the east shore of Twin Lakes, in the north part of Franklin township, Portage county, where he built a log house and barn, which was the home for the next six years. Those acquainted with him in his early years, were familiar with the "frolics" and "capers" he and his brothers used to engage in. Mischief seemed to be their chief delight, and when engaged in it, they sometimes forgot its consequences. On one occasion, while they were yet quite small boys, he and his brothers, Alonzo and George, planned the execution of some little kittens that had unfortunately put in an appearance just when they were not needed. The boys took them to the barn, where they procured a long rope, one end of which was tied around a calf's neck, then backing the calf to the farther side of its enclosure, where there was a knot-hole in a board, through which they thrust the other end of the rope and then fastened it around a kittens neck, which was taken as far back as

the rope would reach, then on a signal the door of the barn was thrown open, and the calf started out on a jump, and likewise, the kitten for the hole in the board, but of course it being too small to let it pass through, its execution was complete, and the tragedy ended. When he was fourteen years old, he made a trip back to Perry, N. Y., with his father, who was taking a load of brooms there, which belonged to his brother Arvin. It was expected that he would make his home with his uncle Asa until he was of age, but after a stay of four years, his father needing his help, he returned to the home he had left in Franklin, where he remained about a year; his father then sold out and moved to Windsor, Ashtabula county, Ohio, where he had purchased a farm, which being very new, after remaining on it two years, he again returned to Portage county, stopping for a time in the old "stone house" on Samuel Olin's farm, where he was still living when Lorenzo became of age, and started out to "begin for himself," but before doing so, he, with the assistance of his brothers Alonzo and George, made themselves quite famous as wood choppers, one afternoon, by cutting for their cousin, Alonzo Olin, ten cords of four-foot wood, completing their task as the sun was going down; their brother Truman piled the wood as they cut it, and when about completing their last cord, their father and cousin, for whom the wood was cut, appeared, and were much surprised at the amount of work so soon accomplished; and after measuring it, were well satisfied with the manner in which it was done, and the number of cords cut. The first summer after becoming his own master, he worked for his uncle, Arvin Olin, seven months, for which he received sixty-three dollars. In the winter following, with his brother George, went to Perry, N. Y., with the intention of working there the following season. Upon his arrival, he hired out to his

Uncle Paris for eight months at twelve dollars per month, which he faithfully accomplished. Then worked a year for his uncle Asa Olin, for which he received \$150.00. The winter following he drove his uncle Asa's team back to Ohio, where he spent a couple of months visiting, and then returned with a load of clover seed, accompanied by four other teams loaded in like manner. On March 15th, 1848, he was married to SARAH FRANKLIN, who was born in Fairfield, Herkimer county, N. Y., January 31st, 1825; was the fifth of her father's children. She lived with her parents in her native town until she was about twelve years old, when the house was sold and the family moved to Wethersfield, Wayne county, N. Y., where she lived with her parents until she was about twenty years old, when she went to work for Ezra Olin, Sr., where she remained until her marriage. The following summer he worked Asa Olin's land, and in the fall, after securing the crops and receiving the money therefore, he moved to Ohio, where, after a short stay at his father's, he bought a farm in Harts-grove, Ashtabula county, on which he lived about eight years, then sold out and moved onto a place of forty acres, he purchased in the south part of Trumbull township; there he built a saw mill and operated it about a year; then sold and moved down to Franklin, Portage county, where he rented and worked some land belonging to Alonzo Olin. He lived on the place during the summer, but in the fall, moved into a house near by, on D. P. Hopkins' farm, where he lived the next year, but worked the same land. In the fall of 1859, he moved onto G. R. C. Adams' farm, which he rented for a year. In October, 1860, he started, with his family and what household effects he could carry on his wagon, for Michigan, where, after his arrival for a short time, they lived in Galesburg, but soon moved to Howlandsburg, in

Ross township, where he remained through the winter and operated a saw mill there for Mr. Howland. In the spring following, he bought a farm of eighty acres in the south part of Ross, Kalamazoo county, which has been his home ever since. His land was entirely covered with timber, which he has cleared and built upon it comfortable buildings.

During the first few years after purchasing this farm, he would work upon it through the summer season, and in winter work in the saw mill for Mr. Howland. Since his boys became large enough to help on the farm, he has devoted a great deal of time to the carpenter's trade, and as a result he has completed over fifty barns, one of which is said to be the largest in the county. January, 1867, he began work in Missouri, selling and delivering fruit trees, which he followed about a year and a half, that being the only business he ever engaged in that took him from home any length of time. Some five or six years past he has been troubled with cancer on his face, which at present time has become quite serious. They have had seven children.

1. FRANKLIN P. OLIN was born in Hartsgrove, Ohio, June 19th, 1849. Died in Ross, Mich., October 27th, 1865; was buried in cemetery near Howlandshurg.

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2. EMERY E. OLIN was born in Hartsgrove, Ashtabula county, Ohio, September 15th, 1851. He remained with his father until he was about twenty years old, when his father gave him his time; he then hired out to his uncle, John Bailey, to work on the farm, receiving \$18.00 per month. He next worked about six months for a lightning rod company, and then engaged to work for C. R. Doolittle in Streetsboro, where he remained three years, then made a visit of six months to his friends in

Michigan, after which he returned and worked another year for Mr. Doolittle, after which he worked for Mr. Sperry one year; then returned to Mr. Doolittle's again for one year; then again returned to work for Mr. Sperry, where he remained three years. He was married, February 28th, 1882, to ALICE VAN SICKLER at her father's home in Ross, Kalamazoo county, Mich. She was born in Pavillion, Mich., July 9th 1861. Her parents moved when she was quite young to another part of the county, near Galesburg, in which vicinity the early part of her life was passed, save one year that the family passed in New York State. After their marriage they returned to Streetsboro, where he worked for Mr. Sperry one year and then rented a place of C. R. Doolittle, on which he lived and worked nine years, then in the spring of 1891, moved on to Mrs. Haymaker's place, near Earlville, where he is at present engaged in working her farm. They have two children. RUTH MAY OLIN was born in Streetsboro, Ohio, December 14th, 1883. CORA MABEL OLIN was born January 5th, 1886, in Streetsboro, Portage county, Ohio.

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3. AMELIA S. OLIN was born in Hartsgrove, Ashtabula county, Ohio, September 18th, 1853. She remained with her parents until her marriage, thus lived in the different places in which they made their home until that time. She received her education by attendance at the district school; was married at her father's home, near Augusta, in Charleston township, Mich., October 28th, 1869, to SYLVORUS LEGRAND RANDALL. He was born June 6th, 1851, in Canton, Wayne county, Michigan, in a little log house, where his parents lived until he was about four years old, then moved into northern Illinois, where they remained until November,

1858, then returned and located in Galesburg, Mich., and after a short stay, moved a few miles north into the little hamlet of Howlandsburg, and there remained until the fall of 1867, when they moved onto a farm one-half mile west of Augusta village. While living there, he became greatly interested in meetings held in Augusta; was baptized November 8th, 1868, and received into the Church of Christ, in which he is now a minister. After they were married, they began housekeeping in a part of his father's house, where they remained but a short time, then moved into Augusta, where they lived until February, 1870, when they sought a home in Saline county, Kansas, but not liking the country, returned after a short stay, and worked for his father the rest of the season. After one or two removals, he went to Galesburg, where he found employment in the cooper business for a time. Early in 1872, they moved to Watervleit, Berrien county, where he engaged in cooper and carpenter work a large part of the time. It was while living there that he delivered his first sermon, August 27th, 1870. From that time forward he labored in the ministry until February, 1882, he met with an accident, which injured his eyesight, which caused a suspension of ministerial study and labor. In August, 1885, they moved to Benton Harbor, where he was quite largely engaged in contracting and building, only preaching occasionally until April 1st, 1890, when he moved to Petersburg, Monroe county, Mich., where he was engaged in church work. In his ministerial labor he has already traveled upward of 3,000 miles, over 1,000 of which was traveled on foot. His work has called him into five different counties of Michigan, besides two points in Iowa. They have had nine children.

ERNEST A. RANDALL was born in Charleston town-



ship, Kalamazoo county, Mich., September 18th, 1870. He still remains with his parents.

MABEL A. RANDALL, born in Watervleit, Michigan, December, 7th, 1875. She died with diphtheria, December 13th, 1884, and was buried near her home in Watervleit.

IDA MAY RANDALL, born in Watervleit, Berrien county, Mich., September 19th, 1877. She is now improving her opportunities in acquiring an education.

HOWARD S. RANDALL was born August 7th, 1880, in Watervleit, Mich.

LORENZO D. RANDALL was born in Watervleit, March 9th, 1883. Died November 6th, 1884, of diphtheria; was buried near his home.

CLARA BELLE RANDALL was born in Watervleit, Mich., March 8th, 1885.

RUTH A. RANDALL was born in Benton Harbor, Mich., January 3rd, 1887. Died December 31st, 1887,

BEATRICE M. RANDALL was born in Benton Harbor, Berrien County, Mich., February 2nd, 1889.

LORENA RANDALL, born January 30th, 1892, in Henderson, Shiawassee County, Mich.

CHARLES L. OLIN was born in Ross Township, Kalamazoo County, Mich., January 26th, 1861. Lived with his father until he was twenty, when his father gave him his time. Worked out by the month for the next three summers. Very early in the winter of 1884 he went to Streetsboro, Ohio, where he passed the next six years, working on the farm by the month, then returned to Ross, Mich., and worked his father's farm one season. Was married at his father's home in Ross, Mich., to MARY J. GILBERT, who was born August 18th, 1870, in Oshtemo, Kalamazoo County, Mich. While she was very

young, her father moved into Van Buren County, Mich., where he purchased a farm, on which he lived to the time of his death, which occurred when his daughter was but five years old. She lived with her mother until, by her death, she was left an orphan at the age of twelve. She then found a home with a Mr. Stephens, whom her mother had requested to care for her, but after about a year, death entered his home, which was thus broken up. She then found a home with Mr. Norman Abbott, of Richland, Mich., until 1887, when she went to live with a Mr. Mills, of Augusta, Mich., where she remained until her marriage. The district schools, principally, furnished her education.

On February 24th, 1891, he purchased a farm of 46 acres in Charleston, Kalamazoo County, where he is engaged working it, besides other jobs he finds to do, as will pay, financially considered.

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MARY IDA OLIN was born in Ross Township, Kalamazoo County, Mich., December 15th, 1864. While she remained at her father's home, she attended school at Howlandsburg, and then the graded schools at Augusta; after finishing her school, she went to Streetsboro, Ohio, to engage in work for her brother Emery, and while there made the acquaintance of the one who afterward became her husband. She returned home to her father's, in Ross, Mich., where she was married, September 10th, 1884, to FRANK C. FRAZIER, who was born at the old home in the south part of Streetsboro, Ohio, March 30th, 1862. He was brought up on the farm and has always followed that occupation, receiving a common school education. When about eighteen years old, he made a trip into Michigan, where he remained about eighteen months, visiting some, and

working on the farm. After their marriage, he was engaged working his mother's place, his father having died when he was about thirteen years old. In the latter part of 1889, they moved to Michigan and rented a farm in Charleston, which he rented one year, has since rented another near by, on which they are now living. They have had five children. An infant child born August 11th, 1885; died August 12th, 1885.

RAMOND L. FRAZIER was born in Streetsboro, Portage County, Ohio, September 27th, 1886.

ETHEL I. FRAZIER, born in Streetsboro, Ohio, October 10th, 1888.

FLETA FRAZIER, born March 4th, 1890, in Charleston, Kalamazoo County, Michigan.

BERT FRAZIER was born in Charleston, Kalamazoo County, Mich., January 28th, 1892.

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EZRA OLIN was born April 2nd, 1867, in Ross, Kalamazoo County, Mich.; was brought up on the farm, which he has of late years carried on, while his father was engaged in carpenter work away from home. Has worked out some, but still claims a place in his father's home, where his presence is very much needed, since his father's present affliction.

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SIMPSON OLIN was born March 19th, 1868, in Ross, Kalamazoo County, Mich. While he was a member of his father's home, his time, after he had reached proper age, was passed in attendance at the Augusta school, and in working upon the farm, until he was about seventeen years old, when he was working out much of the time.

He learned the carpenter trade of his father, with

whom he has worked much of the time since. In the summer of 1888, he was working at the trade in Benton Harbor and St. Joseph. He was married at his father's home, in Ross, Mich., April 2nd, 1890, to DAISY M. ELDRED, who was born in Charleston, Kalamazoo County, Mich., November 6th, 1867. When she was about seventeen years old, she left home to learn the milliner's trade, at which she worked about five years, then begun the work of dressmaking, and opened a shop in Galesburg, in the spring of 1890, which she continued about six months, but still worked at the trade for more than a year. For the past few months they have been living in Augusta, where he works in a wagon shop. They have one daughter, HAZEL OLIN, born in Ross, Kalamazoo County, Mich., October 8th, 1890.



4th. GEORGE OLIN was born in Perry, Wyoming county, N. Y., August 10th, 1826. When he was ten years of age his parents moved to Ohio, where he lived with them until he was fourteen years old; he then went to live with James D. Haymaker, where he remained three years, attending school during the winters—first in the old log schoolhouse and then in an upper room of the new horse barn erected by Arvin Olin on the “corners,” and then afterward in the new brick schoolhouse near by. One incident occurred while he attended a school there that was taught by D. P. Hopkins. During the noon hour he and some other boys went to his Uncle Arvin's barn and became very much interested in capturing some mice, which he put in his pocket and marched into school long after the afternoon exercises had commenced. When questioned by the teacher as to why they were so

late in getting in, he replied that they had been "catching mice," upon which he opened his pocket, and out jumped a mouse upon the floor. The comforting assurance that his case would receive attention at the close of the school, was relieved of much anxiety, and the pain of the punishment materially lessened, by the fun he had that afternoon by occasionally letting a mouse out of his pocket and then laugh at its pranks about the school-room. When he was seventeen years old he made a trip on foot back to Perry, N. Y., with his brother Lorenzo. He there hired out to work for his Uncle Asa through the following summer, then returned to Franklin, where he worked, also in Streetsboro, by the day or month, or at any job he could find to do. When his father moved into Windsor he went with him and helped clear up his farm. After two years he returned to Franklin, where he went to school for a time in the village; he then returned to Windsor, and engaged in work for himself; he there erected a saw-mill, and engaged in sawing plank for the plank road that was then being built through there; was engaged at that work some two years, during which time he was married, on October 20th, 1850, to MARY JANE DOWNING, at her father's home, in Windsor. She was born August 30th, 1833, in Windsor, Ashtabula county, Ohio. Her father was a Methodist minister, but had bought a farm and settled in Windsor, where his family were raised. When old enough she attended the district school, and then attempted to go to select school two terms. The first was a term of eight weeks, and required of her a three miles' walk morning and night. The next she worked for her board, but in doing so it was ten o'clock in the forenoon before the cheese was made and she could be spared to attend her school. She occasionally worked out from home before her marriage. She began housekeeping in

a little log house in Windsor. In the spring of 1851 they moved to Franklin, Portage county, and rented a farm belonging to Nelson Olin, which he worked during the summer. From there he went into a saw-mill in Troy, Geauga county, where he worked eighteen months; then returned to his place in Windsor, but being in debt for it, he thought best to return to Franklin, and there engage in working in a saw-mill for Arvin Olin, where he remained some three years, then returned to Windsor, where he rented his father Downing's farm, which he worked six years; he then left his family in Windsor, and engaged in the lumber business in the West about two years; then returned to Windsor, where he resumed work on his father Downing's place, which he afterward owned by purchasing the interests of the other heirs. They still reside on the old place in Windsor, where in the years of the past they took part in many a hard-fought battle. They have nine children.

JOANNA D. OLIN was born in Troy, Geauga county, Ohio, March 30th, 1852. She lived at home the greater part of her early life, and then was away only attending school at a distance. The district school received her attention, and then five terms at Orwell Institute. She taught but one term of school; was married at her father's home in Windsor, Ohio, May 1st, 1837, to FREDERIC G. KINGDOM, who was born August 8th, 1846, in Devonshire, England. He was but two years old when he left his native land and arrived in the township of Orwell a year or two later. His father was a farmer, and he was brought up to that occupation. When he was about eighteen years old he went out to work on a farm. He received a common-school education, besides three terms at Orwell Institute. When he was twenty-one he began work for himself. Some of the time he was employed in a saw-mill, but the greater

part he has been working in a cheese factory. The past six years he has been operating a factory of his own at Rome Center, and now has a grocery store at Rome Station, where he resides, and where he has been appointed postmaster. The office of township treasurer he has filled four years, and is now clerk of the board of education. They have three children.

MARY GLADYS KINGDOM was born in Fowler, Trumbull county, Ohio, June 12th, 1874. At present writing she is attending school at New Lynn Institute.

ELIZA MAY KINGDOM was born in Cortland, Trumbull county, Ohio, May 28th, 1882.

EVA LENA KINGDOM was born in Rome, Ashtabula county, Ohio, April 3d, 1885.

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GEORGIANA P. OLIN was born October 12th, 1853, in Huntsburg, Geauga county, Ohio. The district school had a part in her education, but the greater part was obtained at Orwell academy, which, with two terms at Buchtel college, completed her school days. When she was seventeen she began teaching, and taught eight terms of district school. She was married at her father's home in Windsor, December 25th, 1876, to ALBERT B. TINKER, who was born in Mantua, Portage county, Ohio, January 28th, 1852. He lived on the farm there until he became of age. He attended school there and at Hiram four terms after he was twenty-one; he then entered Buchtel college, at Akron, where he graduated in 1876; then returned to the farm in Mantua, which he owned in company with his brother, and after working it two years sold out to him in 1878. In March of that year he returned to Akron and entered the law office of Green & Marvin, to study law; continued about a year; was then elected financial secretary of Buchtel college,

which office he has held ever since. In the fall of 1882 and spring of 1883 attended law lectures in Cincinnati, and was admitted to the bar in June, 1883; commenced practice in Akron, Ohio, same year, where he has been ever since. In June, 1883, he was chosen as instructor in law in the college, in which capacity he has since delivered four lectures a week during college year, on subjects of municipal, constitutional and international law, with the exception of the year 1885, he resigned the position, but was re-elected in 1886; has been a member of the city board of health since 1885, and president of the Ohio Universalist Convention three years, which position he still held in the spring of 1890. They have had six children.

OLIN DALE TINKER was born in in Mantua, Portage county, Ohio, February 19th, 1878.

GERTIE ELLA TINKER was born in Akron, Ohio, March 20th, 1879.

FRANK B. TINKER was born August 20th, 1880, in Akron, Ohio.

MARY S. TINKER was born in Akron, Ohio, June 29th, 1882.

RUBY G. TINKER was born in Akron, September 25th, 1886. Died November 18th, 1886, and was buried in Akron.

ABBIE TINKER was born in Akron, Ohio, June 8th, 1888.

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IDA MAY OLIN was born in Kent, Portage county, Ohio, May 15th, 1856. Was quite young when her parents moved into Windsor, where her home was made the greater of the time until she was married. Attended the district school there until she was thirteen years old, then entered Orwell Institute with her two older sisters,



where she was in attendance most of the time, until she was sixteen. She then taught school the summer of 1872, at Windsor Mills. The following autumn, entered Dana's Musical Institute at Warren, Ohio, completing a course as professor the spring of 1874. The summers of 1874 and '75, she made her home with her uncle, W. W. Olin, in Galesburg, Michigan, and taught music there and in Kalamazoo. The spring of 1876 and winter of '77, were spent at Buchtel College, Akron, Ohio. Her means being limited, she returned to school teaching, which she followed until her marriage, which took place May 15th, 1883, in Windsor, Ashtabula county, Ohio, to RALPH DURANT MORFORD, who was born in West Salem, Mercer county, Pennsylvania, July 9th, 1854. Was raised on a farm, and attended country school until seventeen years of age; then entered the Transfer, Pennsylvania, high school, completing a three years' course; then entered Buchtel College at Akron, Ohio, in which institution he remained two years. Taught the Maysville, Pennsylvania, school during the winter term of 1876. Began the study of medicine with Dr. B. E. Mossman, in Greenville, in the spring of 1877, in whose office he remained until September, 1878; then entered the medical department of the Western Reserve University, at Cleveland, Ohio, from which he graduated, receiving the degree of M. D., March 15th, 1882. Upon the occasion of his graduation, he was the valedictorian of his class. In October, 1882, he began the regular practice of his chosen profession at old Salem, Mercer county, Pennsylvania. In the spring of 1884, he moved his family back to West Salem, at which place he is now in successful practice. The doctor is a staunch republican politically; has served as a member of the republican county committee for nine years. Was chairman of the county convention in 1890; has served one

term as school director, and is now serving his second term as coroner of Mercer county. Is a member of the Mercer county Medical Society, and is now serving his seventh year as its secretary. Is a member of the State Medical Society, and has recently been elected a delegate to the National Medical Association. Is a past Chancellor of Custer Lodge, No. 469, K. of P., of Greenville, Pennsylvania. Is a member of Greenville Lodge, No. 145, B. P. O. "Elks." Is past president of Transfer Protected Home Circle. They have three children.

NATHAN TODD MORFORD, born at Old Salem, Mercer county, Pennsylvania, February 22nd, 1884.

DON DURANT MORFORD, born in West Salem, Mercer county, February 12th, 1888.

QUAY OLIN MORFORD, born in West Salem, Pennsylvania, January 23rd, 1889.

MARY JANE OLIN, JR., was born in Franklin township, Portage county, Ohio, October 22nd, 1857. Her parents did not remain there long, before their removal to Windsor, Ohio, where she had a home on the farm. Attended the district school for a time then, school at Cortland, Trumbull county, which was followed by one term at Akron College. She has been engaged in teaching ten terms of school, one of which was in the graded school of Bloomfield, Ohio. She was married at her father's home in Windsor, Ohio, October 5th, 1880, to BURRITT A. DAVIS, who was born in Bazetta, Trumbull county, Ohio, August 12th, 1856. His father was a farmer and settled in Bazetta, when there were but three or four families living in the township. Besides attending the district school, he passed a few terms in the graded school in the village. Since their marriage they have made their home in Cortland township. They own a

farm of 96 acres, but at present are living on, and working his father's farm, which is near their own home, and about one mile from the village of Cortland, Ohio. They have three children.

RANSOM W. DAVIS, born in Cortland, Trumbull county, Ohio, August 9th, 1883.

JESSIE A. DAVIS, born March 30th, 1888, in Cortland, Trumbull county, Ohio.

CORAL O. DAVIS, born in Cortland, Ohio, August 19th, 1889.

LUCY JANE OLIN, was born in Windsor, Ohio, November 7th, 1859. She seemed to be the one to stay at home and help "mother" while the older girls were away teaching. She attended three terms of High School in connection with her attendance in the district. She was married in Jefferson, Ashtabula county, Ohio, April 27th, 1881, to EVERETT M. PAINE, who was born in Orwell, Ashtabula county, Ohio, April 27th, 1856. His father was a carpenter and joiner, and had his home in Orwell, where he worked at his trade. He was the first white settler in that township. The son's education was obtained at the village school of his native town. Remained with his father until he was twenty-one, when he began work for himself, by engaging in house painting; has since been engaged in clerking in the stores in the vicinity of his home, and when not thus engaged, has worked at his trade of house painting. Since their marriage they have resided in the village of Orwell, where they have a comfortable and pleasant home. They have two children: GEORGE GRANVILLE PAINE, born, in Orwell, Ashtabula county, Ohio, February 11th, 1885. SUMNER EMERSON PAINE, born November 22nd, 1888, in Orwell, Ohio.

CHARLES R. OLIN, was born February 19th, 1861, in Windsor, Ohio, where he lived until he was eighteen years old. He patronized the district school and academy at Orwell, and taught one term of school. In September, 1879, he entered Buchtel College at Akron, Ohio, where he graduated in 1885. During the time, besides carrying on his studies, he acted as assistant secretary of the college; continued the office of secretary and the reading of law until January, 1888, when he was elected adjunct professor of mathematics in the college, which position he held in the spring of 1890. In September, 1889, was elected college librarian. Was married at Waterloo, Iowa, to GRACIA BELLE GORTON, who was born September 16th, 1862, in the town of Edgington, Ill., where she lived but a short time; her parents then removed to Michigan, where they resided six years. She lived nine years in Illinois and six in New Hampshire, where she graduated from high school in Nashua. Her father was a Universalist minister, consequently he lived in and was traveling in various parts of the country. She taught one term of school near Charlotte, Mich.

In the autumn of 1883, she went to Akron, Ohio, to attend college, where she graduated in 1887; while in attendance she was assistant librarian of the college. After graduating she went to her parents' home in Waterloo, Iowa, and there engaged in teaching in the graded school. They have one son, ROBERT R. OLIN, born in Akron, Ohio, May 6th, 1889.

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JAMES D. OLIN, was born in Windsor, Ohio, October 17th, 1863. He remained at home until he was about eighteen years old, assisting his father in the general work of the farm. His boyhood was passed in about

the same manner as the lives of the majority of farmer boys, taking part in farm work in summer, then attending the district school in winter and having a grand good time whenever opportunity offered. When he was eighteen years old he went to Akron, Ohio, to begin a college course, taking up the preparatory work which occupied three years, then the regular course, which he completed, graduating in June, 1887; after which he engaged in real estate and life insurance business. In the fall of 1889, the partnership of Rowlen and Olin, general insurance agents, was formed, with office at Canton, Ohio, where he was living in the spring of 1890.

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ABBY LENA OLIN, was born in Windsor, Ohio, September 9, 1870. She believed, as did her older sisters, in obtaining a good education. After the usual attendance at the district school, she went to Orwell Normal Institute, three terms, then in the autumn of 1886, she began a course at Buchtel, College, Akron, with the intention of graduating.

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PARIS OLIN, the youngest of the family, was born in Windsor, Ashtabula County, Ohio, April 1st, 1872. With him the farm seems to have the greater attraction, although he has given considerable time to study; previous to 1890, he had been three full terms at the Normal Institute, at Orwell, and, in the fall of 1888, had attended college at Akron; besides the winter and spring of 1889, he attended the High School, at New Lynn, Ohio. He has not, as yet, fully decided on the course he will pursue. He remains with his father on the farm, and is a great lover of horses, which he delights in handling.

5th. MARINDA OLIN was born in Perry, Wyoming County, N. Y., November 14th, 1828. She lived at her father's home the greater part of her early life, until she was married and had a home of her own. Her schooling was obtained at the district school, with one term at select school, at Streetsboro Center, which was taught by Rev. Chapman. While in attendance there, she worked at a Mr. Baldwin's to pay for her board. Her mother having a great deal to do, she always considered it her duty to remain at home and help her, so was never away from home any great length of time to work for herself.

She was married at her father's home in Windsor, Ohio, November 5th, 1848, to NORRIS S. HUBBARD, who was born April 14th, 1826, in Henderson, Henderson County, N. Y. His father, at the time, lived on a farm. When he was about eight years old, his father moved into Ohio, and shortly afterward, into Hartsgrove, Ashtabula County, going some two miles into the woods, to his farm. He lived with his father, until he was about twenty, then worked out a year, his father receiving his wages. After he was married he settled on a farm in the north part of Trumbull Township, Ashtabula County, which he cultivated several years. About 1862, he sold his farm there and moved onto one in Hartsgrove, near by, which he had purchased. Since then, he has moved two or three times in the township, onto different farms he bought and then afterward sold. He is now living on a place of 87 acres situated in the north part of Hartsgrove Township.

He has held the office of Township Trustee five years in succession and been elected Assessor four times. They have had ten children.

LUCY A. HUBBARD, born in Trumbull, Ohio. August 21st, 1850. Died January 23rd, 1852; buried in Hartsgrove.

GEORGE CLARENCE HUBBARD was born in Trumbull, Ashtabula County, Ohio, June 30th, 1852, in a log house, which was then the residence of his parents. He spent the first fifteen years of his life on the farm, and attended the country school, followed by one term of select school, in the fall of 1867. April 6th, 1868, he left his home and went to Geneva, some twelve miles distant, to learn the printer's trade, and served three years' apprenticeship in the office of the Geneva Times, making his home with the proprietors, whom he still remembers with the kindest feeling.

In April, 1871, he went to Cleveland, Ohio, and remained until January, 1872, when he accepted the foremanship of the Ashtabula Telegraph, at Ashtabula, Ohio, which position he retained one year, then secured a like position on the Corry Daily Blade, at Corry, Penn., but becoming dissatisfied after three months, resigned, and accepted a similar position on the Corry Republican. He remained in Corry two years, and there met and was married to SAIDEE M. SHAW, at her parents home, April 8th, 1874. She was born in Milledgeville, Mercer County, Penn., April 7th, 1856. Her father, John E. Shaw, was a cabinet maker by trade. Her mother's maiden name was Ellen E. Shimmel. She attended the village school, until the family moved to Corry, in 1867, then attended the graded school there, until seventeen years of age. They began housekeeping in Corry, Penn., but made several changes in place of residence in the next year or two. Early in 1876, they moved to Cleveland, Ohio, where they remained eight years, nearly all the time foreman in the office of one firm, who required in their business a printing office and several hands.

In 1883 he went into the job printing business, but sold his interest the next year and moved to Kansas

City, Mo., where he remained three years as foreman of a large company, but having a good business offer and a desire to see the country, he again packed up and moved to Pasadena, Cal., and for three years they enjoyed the fruits, flowers and adversities of Southern California, with a residence of six months in Los Angeles. In August, 1891, they removed to Oakland, Cal., which place they intend to make their home, as business seems better established there, and with the advantages of good schools, fair business prospects, and a climate unexcelled, they consider it unnecessary to look further. He has now been in business over twenty years; has been foreman or manager nineteen years, and at present has charge of an office in San Francisco. He has never taken an active part in politics, but has voted the Republican ticket until after the election of Garfield; has since voted the prohibition ticket; has been identified with the church during the past twenty-four years, having joined the Christian Church in Harts Grove, Ohio, in 1867; has been a member of its official board while in Kansas City, and was an elder in the church while in Pasadena; is at present a deacon, also member of the official board of the Oakland church and superintendent of the Sunday-school. He believes in purity of life, and the rejection of all forms of intemperance, and counts himself fortunate in having been trained by loving Christian parents, and having such kind employers in his business affairs, and finally the companionship of one who has ever been a wise counselor, a true helper, and a kind and sympathetic friend. They have four children.

HARRY SHAW HUBBARD was born in Titusville, Crawford county, Penn., January 25th, 1875.

NORRIS JOHN HUBBARD was born in Cleveland, Cuyahoga county, Ohio, February 22nd, 1877.



EDITH SAIDEE and ARCHIE GEORGE HUBBARD were born September 13th, 1879, in Cleveland, Ohio.

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EDGAR R. HUBBARD was born September 12th, 1854, in Trumbull, Ashtabula county, Ohio. He remained at home and helped with the farm work until he was about fifteen years old, then went out to learn the cheese making business during the summer, and in winter time was home attending school; attended Grand River Institute part of three years; has taught four terms of school; began teaching when he was eighteen; was married in Jefferson, Ohio, June 10th, 1880, to Ella A. Garritt, who was born February 5th, 1859, in Montville, Geauga county, Ohio, where she had lived until her marriage; attended school in Claridon, Ohio, also Grand River Institute at Austinburg, Ohio; has taught two terms of school. After their marriage he began business at Beaver Falls, Penn., where he continued some two years; then went to Sand Lake, Mich., and clerked in a store some three years; from there he went to Sparta, Kent county, Mich., and clerked some two years more; then went to Grand Rapids, where he engaged in the bakery business, but after a time sold his interest to L. H. Austin & Son, but still continues there in their employ. They have one child, ELMO G. HUBBARD, who was born in Grand Rapids, Mich., April 30th, 1887.

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ERNEST F. HUBBARD was born in Trumbull, Ashtabula county, Ohio, July 18th, 1856. After he became large enough he assisted in the work on the farm, which was principally dairying, until he was about sixteen years old; then went into a cheese factory that his father erected on his place. Two terms at Grand River Institute with what knowledge he obtained at the district

school, enabled him to teach school when he was nineteen years old; has taught in all some fifteen terms, winters principally. One term was taught in Illinois in the winter of 1876-77. The summer following he went to Fond du Lac, where he worked in a cheese factory, then returned to Hartsgrove and bought a factory, which he operated six years. He was married March 11th, 1879, in Girard, Penn., to MARY A. RADCLIFF, who was born February 21st, 1862, in Hambden, Geauga county, Ohio, where she lived until she was about ten years old; then her parents moved to Painesville, Ohio, where she lived some four years; then went to Hartsgrove, where she was living when married. After leaving the factory in the spring of 1881, they went to Beaver Falls, Penn., where he was engaged in a grocery store about a year, but carried on his factory in Hartsgrove at the same time; then returned to the factory, and continued the business until the spring of 1886, the summer of which he spent in Kansas City principally; returned to Hartsgrove again, and in the summers of 1887 and 1888 worked in the factory again on salary. In the spring of 1889 he went to Sand Lake, Mich., to engage in the lumber business, where he remained for a time, then moved into Grand Rapids, where he is at present residing. They have one daughter, RENA M. HUBBARD, born January 25th, 1881, in Hartsgrove, Ashtabula county, Ohio.

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WILLIE HUBBARD was born in Trumbull, Ohio, June 27th, 1858; died July 17th, 1858.

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LYMAN A. HUBBARD, was born at the home in the south part of Trumbull, Ashtabula county, Ohio, January 18th, 1860; was about two years old when his parents

moved into the township of Hartsgröve. Remained at home on the farm until he was about eighteen years old. During the summer time after he was thirteen, he worked in the cheese factory and attended school in the winter season. When he was eighteen he went to Fond du Lac and run a cheese factory one summer, then returned home and run a cheese factory in Mecca, Ohio, one summer, then went to Beaver Falls, Penn., where he engaged with his brother in the grocery business about a year, then sold his interest to another brother and engaged as foreman in a lumber yard for J. Tucker; remained there some two years. Was married in Hartsgröve, Ohio, December 27th, 1882, to GEORGIANA MORGAN, who was born in Shakopee, Minn., September 8th, 1859. Was about a year and a half old when her mother died. Soon after her father took her to live with her grandfather, Dr. Morgan, of Morgan's Corners, Hartsgröve, where she remained some two years. Her father marrying again, she went to live with him until she was about twelve years old, then returned to her grandfather's, where she made her home for the next eight years, except the time she was away attending and teaching school. She taught eleven terms. After their marriage they began housekeeping in Grand Rapids, where he was then working for Joseph Tucker, in the lumber business. In the spring of 1883, they moved to Sand Lake, Mich., where he worked three years in the lumber business, part of the time for Ware and Olin. Since then he has been engaged in business for himself. He owns a place in Sand Lake, Nelson township, Kent county, Mich., where he now resides. They have two children: GEORGIA M. HUBBARD, born at Sand Lake, Kent county, Mich., May 30th, 1884; ERLEND M. HUBBARD, born May 17th, 1886, at Sand Lake, Mich.

SIMON HUBBARD, was born in Trumbull, Ohio, January 18th, 1860. Died February 19th, 1860; buried at Hartsgrove Center.

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ALBERT S. HUBBARD was born in Hartsgrove, Ash-  
tabula county, Ohio, September 15th, 1864. Was  
raised on the farm and attended the country school un-  
til he was sixteen years of age, then entered Grand River  
Institute, at Austinburg, Ohio, and remained one term.  
The morning that he was eighteen years old, he accept-  
ed a position as city salesman for a wholesale grocery  
firm in Youngstown, Ohio, and remained with them two  
years, then went to Kansas City, Missouri, and repre-  
sented the Standard Oil Company in Missouri and Kan-  
sas. In March, 1885, he returned to Hartsgrove, Ohio,  
and spent the balance of the year on his father's farm,  
and then taught one term of school.

In February, 1886, he returned to Kansas City, and  
took a position as book-keeper for the H. N. Farey  
Printing Co., remaining with them until November 9th,  
1887, then left for San Francisco, where he located as  
the representative of the August Gast Bank Note and  
Lithographing Co., of St. Louis and New York, in Cal-  
ifornia, Oregon and Washington. January 4th, 1890, he  
left on an extended eastern trip in the interests of his  
company, and visited nearly all the leading cities in the  
United States. He returned to San Francisco in Au-  
gust, 1890, where he is located as a representative of  
company above named. April 30th, 1891, he was mar-  
ried to HALLA D. SMITH at her home in Oakland, Cal-  
ifornia. She is the daughter of Martin B. and Sarah  
Smith, and was born in Redfield, Dallas county, Iowa,  
May 11th, 1867. Her parents removed to Dexter, Iowa  
when she was quite young; she there attended school

one year. In October, 1874, they removed to Placerville, California, where they resided one year, then removed to Oakland, California, where she has ever since resided. She took a thorough course in the primary and grammar schools, and is a graduate of the Oakland High School, with honorary recommendation to the State University. They now reside in Oakland, but his business headquarters is across the bay, in San Francisco. Politically he is a staunch republican, and puts in a vote for the "Grand Old Party," whenever opportunity offers.

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ELGIVA W. HUBBARD, born in Hartsgrove, Ohio, April 30th, 1867. Died November 24th, 1874.

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MARY M. HUBBARD was born in Hartsgrove, Ashtabula county, Ohio, June 3rd, 1871. After an attendance at the district school, she attended two terms at Geneoa, Ohio, and then attended the Institute at New Lyme. Has taught several terms of school. Still claims a home with her parents in Hartsgrove.



6th. TRUMAN T. OLIN was born in Castile, Wyoming county, New York, June 5th, 1831. Was about five years old when his parents moved to Ohio, and settled in Franklin, Portage county. He was with them in the different places they lived, until he was twenty-two years old, receiving some pay after he was of age. Then, in company with his brother, Arvin, bought their father's farm, and began work for himself; continued in company about two years, then sold out to his brother; was mar-

ried March 4th, 1856, to SARAH JOHNSON, at her father's home in Austinburg, Ohio, and by her father, Rev. Hiram Johnson. She was born April 14th, 1836, in Lancaster, Upper Canada. Was about two years old, when her parents left there for Trumbull, Ashtabula county, Ohio, where she lived the greater part of her time, until her marriage, having moved but a few months before into another part of the county. A common school education was all she received. After selling his interest in the farm as before noted, he made a contract with G. G. Norris & Co., to engage as traveling salesman in medicine supplies, which business he engaged in some five years—one year before he left Ohio, and the rest after he moved to Wheatfield, Ingham county, Michigan, where he purchased an improved farm of 80 acres. He lived on this farm about eighteen years. In March, 1877, having an opportunity, he traded for another one of 80 acres in Meridian township, same county, which is only a few miles from Lansing, the state capital. Since then he has greatly improved his farm, bought thirty-five acres more land, and built a brick house, which makes him a comfortable home. Besides his farming operations he has learned, and works considerable at the mason trade, which has been a source of considerable revenue. Has frequently taken contracts in this line of work; some of them being very large ones for the State Agricultural Farm, which is near him. He still resides upon his farm, not far from the little town of Okemos, which is his post-office address. They have four children.

ESTELLA E. OLIN was born in Windsor, Ashtabula county, Ohio, October 30th, 1857. But very little occurred in her uneventful life while she remained at home that it worthy of record. She taught one term of school in the township of Wheatfield, Michigan. She was mar-

ried at Okemos, Michigan, by her grandfather, Rev. H. Johnson, who was living there at the time, on September 5th, 1875, to HENRY KIRK, who was born in Scio, Washtenaw county, Michigan, October 20th, 1841. Was six years old when the family moved to Ann Arbor, same county, where they lived four years, then removed to Green Oak, Livingstone county, where they resided seven years, then removed to Leroy, Ingham county, where they settled on a new farm in the woods, and there remained helping his father in clearing and cultivating the farm, until he was twenty-two years old. On the 26th of December, 1863, he enlisted in Company H, 26th Mich. Infantry, to serve three years, or during the war. Was mustered into service at Detroit, January 6th, 1864. His regiment was assigned a place in the army of the Potomac, and in 2nd corps, under General Hancock. When war closed, he was discharged in Rhode Island, June 26th, 1865. After his return from the army he bought the same farm he helped to clear, on which he remained about six years, then sold and purchased another one in the town of Wheatfield, Ingham county, on which he remained some six years and again sold and removed into the town of Okemos, where he purchased a farm, on which they still live. Farming has received his principal attention all through life, at which he has been very successful. They have six children.

EDNA BELLE KIRK, born in Wheatfield, Ingham county, Mich, July 8th, 1876.

GEORGE H. KIRK, born June 17th, 1878, in Wheatfield, Mich.

OLIN J. KIRK, was born in Meridian, Ingham county, Mich., March 2nd, 1882.

ETHEL MAY KIRK, was born in Meridian, Ingham county, March 31st, 1884.

BERTHA S. KIRK, was born March 20th, 1887, in Meridian, Mich.

RAY W. KIRK, was born in Meridan, Ingham county, Mich., February 7th, 1890.

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ELVIN A. OLIN, was born in Wheatfield, Ingham county, Mich., January 16th, 1860. His education was received at the common schools. Remained at home until he was about twenty-five, then purchased an interest in a drug store, which he owned about a year, then returned home, where he has been engaged working his father's farm, receiving a share of the proceeds. Was married at his father's home near Okemos, Mich., December 24th, 1891, to MARY R. KNAPP, daughter of Wright and Alvira Brown Knapp. She was born in Cass county, Mich., February 3rd, 1868. Her mother died when she was but four years old; she then lived with her father and grandmother until her death, then kept house for her father for a time. When she was twelve years old she went out to work for herself, staying most of the time with an aunt. Obtained her education by attending the common schools during the winter season. The last five years she made her home with a family at the agricultural college at Lansing.

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JOHN H. OLIN, was born April 16th, 1862, in Wheatfield, Mich. Besides the district school, he attended a graded school two terms at Okemos. While he was helping on the farm he was at the same time learning the mason trade, of his father, which he still follows. Was married in Okemos, Ingham county, Mich., September 7th, 1884, to EVA TYLER, who was born February 21st, 1864, in Bath, Clinton county, Mich., where



she resided until she was about eighteen years of age, then went to Okemos, and attended school several terms, then taught two terms, one after her marriage. After their marriage they lived some two years with their father Olin, then purchased a house and lot in Okemos, where they moved and have lived ever since. They have two children: HARRY OLIN, born in Okemos, Michigan, August 21st, 1887; KATE OLIN, born July 3rd, 1891, in Meridian township, Ingham county, Mich.

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AI DEVERE OLIN, born in Wheatfield, Ingham county, Mich., August 2nd, 1873. He still makes his home with his parents on the farm.



7th. ARVIN A. OLIN was born in the township of Orangeville, Wyoming county, N. Y., January 15th, 1835. He was the smallest as well as youngest one in the family when they moved to Ohio in the summer of 1836. He lived with his father until he was a little past twenty, then hired out one year to work for G. R. C. Adams on his farm in Franklin, after which he returned to Windsor, and in company with his brother Truman bought his father's farm of 182 acres. About that time he began work for G. G. Norris, selling medicine supplies, and after five years of successful service won the distinction among many of his relatives and friends as the "jovial pill peddler." After closing his business with the medicine company he returned to Windsor, and on July 4th, 1861, he was married to LAURA A. GRANT, at the parsonage, in Windsor Center. She was born October 15th, 1836, in Hartsgrrove, Ashtabula county,

Ohio; was about ten years old when her parents moved into Trumbull, same county, where she lived until her marriage. Her father was a farmer, and had a family of nine children. At that time the common schools were expected to furnish the children with an education sufficient for all practical purposes. After his marriage they moved onto his farm and engaged in cheese making, which, on account of war times, was bringing a good price, enabling them in two years to build a new house in place of the little log one they were obliged to move into at first. They remained in their new house until 1870, when he purchased a small place near Windsor Corners, where they moved and remained until 1873. Then after living a time on the old place they moved onto a farm of 115 acres he purchased in the north part of Mesopotamia, Trumbull county, on which they lived a year; then rented it several years to his brother Ezra, and engaged as a traveling salesman in the New England States principally; has been engaged some four years in selling fruit trees, besides serving several years as traveling agent in other branches of business. Some fifteen or sixteen years of his life have been past in traveling agencies, besides carrying on his farming operations at home. He has now some 400 acres of land, on which he has made many improvements, which include a large house and other buildings. During the past eighteen years he has had the care of his aged father who still lives in the same house he built some forty years ago; gently his footsteps enter the shadows of that valley beyond where the bright morning dawns. They have three children.

CLARA ADELL OLIN was born in Windsor, Ashtabula county, Ohio, June 9th, 1862. The years of her childhood and youth were passed in her parents' home, from which place she attended the common schools and

gained her education. She was married at her father's home in Mesopotamia July 3rd, 1879, to BURT F. RAWDON, who was born in Windsor, Ohio, June 16th, 1855. His father, Elzur Rawdon, was a life-long resident of Windsor Township. His son was brought up on the farm after about the same manner as most farmer boys. The district school playing an important part in his education, he also attended a few terms at Austinburg Institute and Orwell High School. After their marriage he worked his father Olin's farm a year and a half, then moved onto his father's homestead which he has purchased, and is now their home; has been somewhat interested in political matters; was elected one year to the office of assessor. They have two children: GLEN E. RAWDON, born in Windsor township, Ohio, January 11th, 1880. BERNICE E. RAWDON, born November 19th, 1884, in Windsor, Ashtabula county, Ohio.

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ADDIE ALMIRA OLIN was born in Windsor, Ohio, December 9th, 1863; while she remained at home she began looking after her educational interests before she had seen much of the world or had passed many years in it; she must begin at the district school, of course; then received the benefit of two terms at Grand River Institute at Austinburg, Ohio. She was married at her father's home in Windsor, Ohio, February 20th, 1883, to WEST W. CALLENDER, whose place of birth is Hartsgrrove, Ashtabula county, Ohio, and the date November 30th, 1857. He was brought up on the farm, which occupation he still follows. He so improved his educational advantages, which consisted of a common-school course with five terms at high school. He successfully performed the duties of teacher some thirteen terms or more. Since their marriage he has been engaged in

farming two or three years, at first on rented farms, then moved onto their own place of fifty acres in the southeast part of Hartsgrove. In the spring of 1890 they were living on his father's old homestead, which he was working in connection with his own. They have two children: BESSIE C. CALLENDER, born in Hartsgrove, Ashtabula county, Ohio, July 12th, 1886. LYNN M. CALLENDER, born March 29th, 1888, in Hartsgrove, Ohio.

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CLARENCE G. OLIN was born September 13th, 1867, in Windsor, Ashtabula county, Ohio. He remained at home until he was nearly of age, during which time he attended high school four terms in Mesopotamia in addition to the attendance at the common schools. The summer of 1888 he spent in Fargo, Dakota, then returned home, where he remained until the fall of 1889, when he went to Seattle, Washington, "to see the country" and engage in some business, should he find it to his liking, but soon after his arrival, was taken very sick and had to remain until his recovery. Has since returned to his father's home.



8th. ELLEN OLIN was born in Franklin, Portage county, Ohio, October 30th, 1837. Let us go back with fifty years of her life, and look into her home then, and we can the better realize the changes time has made. We see a log house—nearly everybody lived in log-houses then. No beautiful roads or cleared fields, for woods are everywhere. A few years later and we see her an inmate of her father's home in Windsor, the

house made of logs, is back from the road and surrounded by woods. No fine pictures decorate the walls; no panel album on the center table; no fine or costly garments in the wardrobe; but we see her busy at the spinning wheel, though not large enough yet to reach the spindle without her "track," which is made of a board, one end of which is elevated or resting on a bench; by walking up and back on this, she is able to do the work. These threads she is spinning, are to be woven into cloth by her mother, and then made up for family use, either in garments or other things necessary. In the evening the house is lighted by the fire in the large fireplace, and the dim light of tallow candles. In the early morning while the mother is preparing the breakfast, the father's voice is heard calling the children to arise, and encouraging them to enter into a strife, and see who would be dressed and ready first. After the meal is over the menfolks are off to their work of chopping and clearing, while the women make the spinning wheels hum again. One of the pleasant memories of that "olden time" was the *singing*, in which the whole family took part, seated upon their father's knee or hanging around his chair, their voices all mingling in happy chorus, while their young hearts were thrilling with pleasure with the melody their own voices had awakened.

One time a singing school was started in the neighborhood; of course all must go, but sometimes the mud was so deep it seemed almost impossible to go. Yet they were there on time; and when questioned by others as to "how they came," answered, "Oh, on the stone boat." After school was out and they were started for home, their big brothers, Truman and Arvin, would tell them "they couldn't go again, they told everything," but their father would say take them along, so they had

to go. She first went from home to "work out" for a time, when she was but thirteen years old. When she was fifteen, she worked for a neighbor four months. Cheese making was part of her labor. The summer following she worked out again and helped make cheese from thirty cows; the milking of ten of them each night and morning being part of her daily labor. In the fall she returned home and went to school through the winter, and when spring came, went down to Portage county, and worked in a dairy for eight months, then returned home and attended school again in the winter. The season following, she stayed with her sister Marinda and worked some for herself. She had the opportunity of attending school winters until she was eighteen. Her first school was in Franklin, and was taught by Henrietta Olin. In the year 1863, when "war times" caused prints or calico to be worth fifty cents a yard, she brought out the old wheel again and made it hum, until yarn enough was spun to be woven into twenty-five yards of flannel cloth. She also learned how to spin flax and tow and manufactured seventy-five yards of linen for house use; her mother weaving it for her. Some of the cloth she still preserves. October 2nd, 1856, she was married at her father's home in Windsor, Ohio, to WILLIAM H. HUNT, who was born in Canfield, Mahoning county, Ohio, June 8th, 1834. His father, Seymour M. Hunt, was born in Wilkesbarre, Luzerne county, Penn., January 13th, 1798, and remained in that vicinity until the fall of 1829, when he went to Ohio with his father's family and settled in Canfield on a farm. August 30th, 1832, he was married to Caroline Hitchcock, of Canfield, where they lived until the fall of 1836, then went to Hartsgrove, Ashtabula county, when three-fourths of the township was a dense forest, and the wolves prowling through it, making the night hideous with their

howlings. Their son William remained with his parents and worked upon the farm until he was twenty-one. Attended the common schools until he was nineteen, also three terms of select school, becoming a good penman, and while attending school would teach writing school evenings. After their marriage, they began housekeeping in a rented house in Trumbull, until they could build one on their farm of seventy-five acres in Harts Grove. They remained on their first farm for a time, then sold and bought another one of seventy-two acres something over a mile south, on which he built a large mill, where he manufactured shingles, spokes, staves, etc. In October, 1862, and July, 1863, Mr. Hunt was drafted for army service, but furnished a substitute each time.

The first of April, 1870, they sold out and moved to Beaver Falls, Penn., where they engaged in mercantile business over four years, then moved to Niles, Trumbull county, Ohio, where the same business was continued, but soon was destroyed by fire. His family remained there while he made a trip into North Carolina, where he remained ten months in the mines there; then returned and went to the Black Hills, in Dakota, where he engaged in putting up a quartz mill and working in the gold mines; his health failing, he then went into Kansas. In February, 1878 his family joined him near Abilene, where they remained on a rented farm until July, 1880. then moved into McPherson, same State where he had charge of a flouring mill. While living there they celebrated their silver wedding or twenty-fifth anniversary. In December, 1884, they moved to Ness county, Kansas, where they have since resided, and where they have been engaged in farming and stock-raising. Also the land and loan agency business, besides helping his son what he can. He has been in public life but little, served two years as town clerk, road overseer as many years, and a

school officer a long time. They have had four children.

JENNIE C. HUNT was born July 25th, 1857, in Trumbull, Ashtabula county, Ohio, where the family remained but a short time while they were building their new house just over the line in Harts Grove, where they then moved. When she was thirteen years old they removed to Beaver Falls, Penn., and afterward to Niles, Ohio, where she lived five months with her uncle, S. D. Young, to complete her school. After her parents had moved to Kansas, she graduated from the Niles high school, June 27, 1878, then joined her father's family on the rented farm, west of Abilene; then moved with them into the town of McPherson, Kansas. In November, 1880, she returned to Beaver Falls, Penn., on a visit, and while there was married at the house of her Uncle Joseph Tucker, December 14th, 1880, to JAMES MELVIN BARNS was born July 9th, 1853, in Raccoon township, Beaver county, Penn. His father, George Barns was a carpenter, his son's boyhood was spent along the Ohio and Beaver rivers in Beaver county, he attended school at Freedom, and Beaver Falls. Is a saw maker by trade. After their marriage they soon began house-keeping in a rented house but afterward purchased property in Beaver Falls on which they lived until January, 1885, when they sold out and went to Ness county, Kansas, where they owned 640 acres of land. The first six months they lived in town; then went onto one of their farms three and a half miles west of town, where they lived four years and a half; then sold all out and moved back to Beaver Falls in 1889. They still reside in Beaver county, Penn. They have three children:

GEORGE OLIN BARNS, born August 30th, 1882, in Beaver Falls, Beaver county, Penn.

GRACE ADELL BARNS, born in Beaver Falls, Penn., July 21st, 1884.



CHARLES L. BARNS, born in Ness City, Ness county, Kansas, February 18th, 1887.

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RAY HUNT was born in Windsor, Ohio, August 10th, 1861, died September 18th, 1861, buried in Hartsgrrove, Ohio.

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GEORGE OLIN HUNT was born August 24th, 1866, in Hartsgrrove, Ashtabula County, Ohio. He began attending school at Beaver Falls, Penn., while his parents resided there, then in Niles, after their removal to that place. Was twelve years old, when his parents first moved into Kansas. After their removal to McPherson, he again had the benefit of a good school, which he attended, but when not thus engaged he helped in a grocery store mornings, evenings, on Saturday and during vacation, which gave him an insight into the business. Before leaving the place he obtained a position in a larger store, which he held during their stay. In the fall of 1884, he joined his folks in Ness City, where they had moved; he at once began work in a dry goods and grocery store. In order to be better prepared for business, he attended business college, at St. Joe for a time.

He is now a partner in the same store, he first entered in Ness City, having purchased a half interest, and is doing a good business. Was married at the residence of his wife's sister in Ness City, Kansas, on September 9th, 1891, to MARY EMMA JACOBS, daughter of the late Captain C. V. Jacobs, of Wichita, Kansas.

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LEMUEL LESLIE HUNT was born February 24th, 1870, in Hartsgrrove, Ohio. Has been with his parents in all the different changes, made in the place of home,

during the years of his youth. He has served a good apprenticeship on the farm, and was thought to be a pretty good farmer, but on becoming of age, he left the farm and opened a store in the same block with his brother George, in Ness City. He deals in notions and stationery.



9th. EMELINE OLIN was born in Franklin, Portage county, Ohio, April 4th, 1840. Being a member of a large family, at a time when the family resources were very limited and "economy" the necessary watchword of the home. Her opportunities in life were limited and quite neglected, and she was left to make the best use she could of those chances, which happened to come in her reach. Her work began by helping to care for a younger brother or sister, or do such other chores as she was able to do, for her ever-busy and patient mother.

When she was about ten or eleven years old, she assisted her sister Ellen, two years older, in taking charge of a boarding house, where some twelve or fourteen men took their meals, the water for the necessary cooking, they carried nearly half a mile; this work they performed one summer, until the mill, where the men worked, was shut down or closed. The winter of 1854-'5, she left her home in Windsor to go to Franklin, to remain and work for her board and go to school. In doing the work for the family, she had but little time in which to study out of school hours; before her school closed, however, she hired out to do housework, and continued several months, at \$1.25 per week. Though but a child of fourteen, she performed the work of two such girls. In the December following, she started with her brother to return to their Windsor home, nearly fifty

miles distant, before proceeding far, a storm arose and continued with increasing severity, making their progress so slow, from the packed and crusted snow, that it was late at night of the second day, before they arrived at the home she had left a year before, nearly perished from the cold and long exposure, to be greeted by their mother, with her usual "God bless you, my children."

A year or two later she arranged to go to school again and work for her board at Elder Gates' in Harts-grove; there she remained until she was eighteen years old. She was married in Harts-grove, Ohio, by Elder Gates, April 15th, 1858, to LYMAN H. AUSTIN, who was born September 3rd, 1833, in Litchfield, Conn., where he lived until he was a year and a half old; his parents then moved to Montville, Geauga county, Ohio, when it was a perfect wilderness, and where they purchased a new farm on which was a new log house; here he lived and helped to clear and till the farm; remained with his father until he was about twenty-five. When he was about sixteen he worked in the saw-mill that his father had erected on his farm, and when not engaged there was on the farm. After his marriage he commenced business for himself by purchasing the old mill and part of the farm, and then afterward the old home-stand. The mill he repaired and operated several years. At time of oil excitement in Mecca, Ohio, he went there and became interested in a well which proved to be a very good one; was there about a year; then returned to his farm in Montville. About 1870 he went a little above Cedar Springs, in Michigan, where he purchased some pine timbered land, and was engaged about three years in clearing it off; then moved to Lockwood, Kent county, where he dealt quite largely in lumber and shingles for about twelve years. After a short stay in the

north part of Michigan, where he was interested in some cedar timber, he moved to Grand Rapids, where he has been located ever since, and been dealing in lumber, pine lands, and manufacturing and wholesaling mattresses, the latter business he has recently closed out, but is interested in lumbering in the South. In his public life he has held the office of justice of the peace, and was postmaster for several years. Having been successful in his business ventures he has secured a fine home and competency for their declining years. Having resigned many of his business cares they have more leisure to enjoy life and look after the wants of those less fortunate. In speaking of Mrs. Austin a friend says: "She is really a pioneer in one of the noblest charity works of which Grand Rapids is able to boast, namely, the Emerson Home for unfortunate or erring women. From the opening of the institution and even before she contributed largely of her means, and expended nearly all her energies in that direction." She occupies a position on the board of managers of the "Home." She is one of the "King's Daughters," and seeks opportunities for doing good and helping in the uplifting and elevating of humanity; is an active worker in the Women's Christian Temperance Union, and as a member of humanity's church she seeks to dispel the shadows from the homes of the poor unfortunate and needy, that the sunshine of sympathy and love may enter in all its beauty and glory. They have had four children.

DOW B. AUSTIN was born in Windsor, Ashtabula county, Ohio, March 3rd, 1861. He graduated at Cedar Springs High School June 24th, 1880, afterward attended business college in Grand Rapids, and finished the course, receiving his diploma; has for some time been engaged in the bakery business with his father in Grand

Rapids, besides having an interest in some fast driving horses in Gloucester, N. J.; is not married.

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LENNA AUSTIN was born April 16th, 1863, in Montville, Ohio; died June 10th, 1870; was buried in the township of Solon, Kent county, Mich.

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FRANK AUSTIN, born in Montville, Geauga county, Ohio, January 31st, 1866. He graduated at Grand Rapids high school June 25th, 1886; then remained at home and attended business college, from which he received a diploma in May, 1888; is now in Mendon, Mich., where he has a one-third interest in a large lumber yard, and is doing a successful business.

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NELLIE AUSTIN, born in Montville, Ohio, July 4th, 1867. She graduated from the high school in Grand Rapids June 24th, 1887; then attended business college, from which she received a diploma May 1st, 1890. Since then she has been in Chicago receiving instruction in kindergarten work; has taken up the graduating course, and doubtless ere this has graduated and received her diploma.



10th. WASHINGTON W. OLIN was born February 22nd, 1842, in Franklin, Portage county, Ohio, where he lived but a few years, as his father moved his family into Windsor when our subject was quite a small boy, but distinctly remembers the long journey of nearly fifty miles in a covered sleigh, from which it was impossible

to look out and see what was passing; also the difficulty at last in reaching their home in the woods, where logs and fallen timber obstructed the way, and then finally the utter desolation of the old log house, over the floor of which was strewn the mud and sticks of the fallen chimney with other disagreeable things, which gave the place anything but a home-like appearance, the sight of which had such a depressing influence upon his faithful mother, that a good cry was first indulged in, then the work began of bringing order out of confusion. His parents resided on this farm some three years longer, then moved onto another in the same town, which was then known as the Allen Higly farm. He was about ten years old when his father built a new house upon the place. There were then no planing mills for dressing lumber, and instead of going to school as it seemed that he ought, his time was employed at hard work on the new farm and in shoving the plane in dressing the flooring and lumber for the new house which was all prepared by hand labor. The building of the new house with other financial difficulties caused his father almost hopeless embarrassment; the other boys had all gone out to seek employment, while he was left alone to assist his father in carrying on the work. In his father's great ambition to recover from debt he seemed desirous of accomplishing himself the work of three ordinary men, but with all his exertion, progress was very slow until Soules Sovereign Balm Pills proved themselves efficient in regulating *financial* as well as physical difficulties. His father meeting with success while engaged in the sale of the medicine, it was arranged that he also should engage in the same business, his wages, of course, to pass to his father. We thus find him at the age of fourteen at a salary of sixteen and two-thirds dollars per month, regularly engaged by the G. G. Norris Company, of

Cleveland, Ohio, and starting in company with his brother Arvin, also employed for Hillsdale county, Mich., and after settling for his first nights lodging found himself ready for business with the magnificent sum of ten cents in his pocket, while his brother was provided with fifteen cents more. Being questioned that morning by their landlord as to their business they replied they had come to look over the country a little, being in possession of some fine land that he was desirous of selling, he proposed that the boys load their trunks into his conveyance and go over to the other town and look at his property, to this they readily consented as it was the very place they wished to go, but had not the means of paying for conveyance of their baggage; having thus arrived at their intended destination, they kindly obliged their land-lord by looking at his farm, which was highly complimented, and assured that he would see them again. Turning his attention now to the work before him, let us follow him as he begins his new occupation. The first house he enters is that of an Irish lady, who is busily engaged at her work, but readily admits him when he at once holds up to her view a box of pills, and proceeds to explain their wonderful properties, and her need of providing a supply, his would-be customer, still remembering how she had lately been imposed upon by another vender of medicines who had palmed off upon her a worthless substitute, quietly waited until he had finished his little speech, then raising her voice to a high key told him very emphatically to "go long with his nasty pills," he at once took her at her word and hastily departed. He next stopped at a place where several ladies had assembled for an old fashioned visit, and being admitted into their presence he was so overcome with bashfulness and fear that he soon departed, without even making his business known, he then went into a piece of

woods, and seating himself upon a log bellowed like a little calf for a few moments, then feeling a little better he decided to put on a bold front and enter upon his work in earnest; full of this determination, the next house he entered he met with success, as he left four boxes of pills or one dollar's worth, and continuing in the spirit when night came he had distributed eleven dollars' worth of his medicine, and when the week was ended he had canvassed the town and had a balance of \$300 to show for his work.

Being quite young, and rather small for his age, much of his success might be attributed to these facts, yet it often led to suspicion as the question was frequently asked him, "does your mother know where you are?"

He continued his business through the year and did not take up one cent of his wages. Upon entering a house where he expected to stay over night he would at once endeavor to gain the confidence and favor of the family by a friendly and easy manner and, being well versed in music, he would engage the younger members of the family in that pleasant pastime, and many times would he be kept over night free of charge and then be invited to come again; on such occasions he was allowed his regular expenses as usual, and was justly permitted to appropriate such sum to his own use. He was the subject of many ludicrous experiences while thus employed. At one time while in Washtenaw Co., Mich., he entered a home where a family by the name of Jones resided; the woman was very deaf and it was with considerable exertion that she could be made to hear. Upon entering the house this woman at once recognized him as her son Paul who three years before had run away from home, and she had not seen him since. Joyful at discovering her long lost son, she paid no attention to the bag of pills he was holding up before her and trying to induce



her to buy, but advanced with arms ready to embrace him, at the same time asking him if he was not indeed her Paul? His smiles at her earnestness which he yet considered a joke, had the effect of strengthening her belief and was the more determined to welcome him home with a motherly embrace. He now for the first thought she might be some lunatic and began to realize his situation, and tried the more earnestly to impress upon the mind and dull ears of the woman that his name was *Olin* which he probably shouted as loudly and as excitedly as he did into the tin ear trumpet of old "Rip Van Winkle," at our first Olin Reunion. Defeated, but not convinced she requested him to remain until her children should return from school that their testimony might be added to her own. It was arranged, however, that he should return and stay overnight. On his again entering her home the children were there and were inclined to agree with the mother that he was really the run-away boy, which as before was as stoutly denied on his part, and as evidence exhibited his account book and the names of her neighbors with whom he had done business. It was then left for one more trial, Mr. Jones, the father would soon return; his opinion would decide the matter; with much interest his arrival was awaited and when at last he came and the subject was referred to him, with a searching glance he replied, "he resembles him very much, but he is not Paul." He found, however, a good home there while he remained in the vicinity. He was engaged some seven years in the work of canvassing for the Norris Co. While thus employed in Hillsdale County, he had occasion to visit the college in attendance at some public meeting and there seeing the young men students, he at once felt a strong desire to obtain an education which feeling had already been awakened by his cousin, J. B. Lewis, who prevailed upon him to stop his work

and attend school one winter before. With this aim in view, in the fall of 1863, he entered Hillsdale College and remained there the greater part of three years, employing his vacations at labor to obtain the means of continuing his studies which suddenly terminated by his being drafted at his former home in Windsor, Ohio, where he had not in reality been a resident for nearly seven years. The commutation fee of \$300 he paid under protest, but was obliged to give up his school. He then taught a term of school at Howlandsburg, Kalamazoo county, and in the spring of 1865, engaged with Elwanger and Barry nurserymen of Rochester, N. Y., in the sale of fruit trees, selecting as territory that about St. Louis, Mo. He continued in the business three years with an increasing salary ending with \$1,500 a year.

August 13th, 1865, he was married at the Congregational parsonage in Galesburg, Michigan, to MARY LUCRETIA CARSON, who was born March 21, 1847, in Frederick township, Mahoning County, Ohio. She was six years old when her father sold his farm there and moved with his family into the southwest part of Ross, Kalamazoo County, Michigan, where he settled upon a large farm and reared his family of eleven children all of whom reached years of maturity, were married, and settled in homes of their own. The years in which she remained in her fathers home were busy ones, always plenty to do. Her task after becoming large enough to perform the work, was to do the spinning for the family which was then carried on at home; this was no small item as the mittens and stockings were all of home manufacture, and required quite a number for so large a family. The district school was an important factor in providing her education; she attended the school at Howlandsburg, and was the favored pupil when W. W. Olin was the master.

Previous to her marriage she remained closely at home, not even going out of the county in which she lived, but since then circumstances have permitted her to travel considerably, enabling her to view the ocean on either side the continent. After closing his agency in nursery business he purchased a farm in company with his brother-in-law, I. N. Carson, in the southeast part of Richland, Kalamazoo County, and after two years he purchased his partner's interest, then continued farming operations two years longer. While retaining his interest in the farm which he rented while thus engaged, he was three years employed in the lightning rod business with headquarters at Boston, Mass., in which State with those of Connecticut and Rhode Island, he passed the greater part of his time. Upon his return in the early winter 1873-'74, he stopped a couple of months to attend Dana's Musical Institute, at Warren, Ohio, where his wife was already in attendance. He then returned to his farm in Michigan, which he very soon sold, and February 3d, 1874, bought out William Schroder's partner's interest in the general mercantile business in Galesburg, Mich., where he has ever since resided and devoted his time and attention to their large business interests in which he has been prospered to his most reasonable expectation. Among the pleasant incidents of their married life may be mentioned the 25th anniversary or silver wedding, when a large number of relatives and friends assembled at their pleasant home to extend congratulations and pledges of friendship. His connection with the church and Sunday-school where he now resides, furnish many pleasant recollections, while his home is well filled with souvenirs which express in a manner that tenderness of feeling the members of the Sunday school have for their faithful superintendent, who has stood by his post of duty for sixteen years, while the church re-

cognizes in him, one of its honored trustees, which position he has occupied the greater part of the time that he has resided in Galesburg. While in the preparatory course in college he was elected and served as secretary the College Amphictyon Society for two years, which he considered quite an honor. He has been a member of the village school board five years, and is now serving his township in the capacity of justice of the peace. For several years he has taken great interest and pride in his Masonic connections, he has taken all the degrees conferred in this country, except the 33d, including the ninety-five degrees of Egyptian Rite and has filled nearly all the offices in the different bodies.

In the organization and carrying on of the Olin Reunion, he has been among the first and from the beginning was chosen a member of the executive committee, who have met with good success in running excursions in connection with the reunions from which the society has derived a certain revenue. He was presiding officer at the fourth Ohio Reunion held in Galesburg in the autumn of 1889. Contemplating his early life he sometimes regrets that his advantages for obtaining an education were not better, yet the discipline received in his early home, prepared him for meeting and solving the difficult problems of life which appeared later on. A fitting tribute he pays to the memory of his tried and patient mother, the influence of whose early training had done much toward shaping his life history. They have five children.

DEWITT C. OLIN was born in Ross, Kalamazoo County, Mich., November 26th, 1866. After his parents disposed of their farm in Richland, his home was in Galesburg until he engaged in business elsewhere. He patronized the union school of Galesburg, then Kalamazoo college three months, after which he passed

nearly three years in Albion College. He has given considerable attention to the study of music, and gave lessons of instruction on the clarionet. He was engaged one year in scenic painting, and for some time was employed in various ways and in working in his father's store. In August, 1888, he engaged as clerk with a dry goods firm in Kalamazoo, where he still remains. February 13th, 1889, he was married to LIBBIE BOYLES, at her parents' home, in Richland, Mich. She was born January 17th, 1866, in Richland, Kalamazoo county, Mich., where she resided in her parents' home until her marriage. After graduating from the Richland Union School she attended high school and business college Kalamazoo. They have one child, RHEA OLIN, born in Kalamazoo, Mich., October 31st, 1889.

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BLANCHE OLIN was born in Richland, Kalamazoo County, Mich., April 1st, 1868. The years previous to her marriage were passed in her parents' home, the greater part of the time in Galesburg, where they removed when she was but a few years old. Her education was principally obtained at the schools where she resided. She was in attendance at Albion College two years, where she made the study of music her principal employment. She was married at her parents' home in Galesburg, February 21st, 1889, to CHARLES T. WHITE, who was born in Decatur, Van Buren County, Mich., June 8th, 1859. His father was engaged in manufacturing carriages. After his mother's death, which occurred when he was four years old, he found a home with his oldest sister. He attended the schools of Kalamazoo, and entered the high school, but did not complete the course. For the past seventeen years has been a clerk

in dry goods stores. He is now engaged with a firm in Kalamazoo, where they have resided since their marriage.

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MAGGIE MAY OLIN was born in the village of Galesburg, Kalamazoo County, Mich., December 3d, 1875, where she has always resided, and where she is now attending school.

MAUDE ARVILLE OLIN was born in Galesburg, Kalamazoo County, Mich., May 31st, 1879.

BESSIE ELIZABETH OLIN was born May 4th, 1884, in Galesburg, Mich.



11th. LUCY JANE OLIN was born in Streetsboro, Portage County, Ohio, March 10th, 1845; was about two years old when her parents moved into Windsor where she made her home until she was married; attended Hillsdale College, in Michigan, nearly two years, then went into Kalamazoo County where she attended school one winter, at Howlandsburg, that was taught by her brother, W. W. Olin; returned to her home in Windsor in the spring, and on October 10th, 1865, was married there to SIMON D. YOUNG, who was born August 24th, 1837, in Chautauqua County, New York. When he was quite young, his parents moved to Hartsgrove, Ohio, where his father engaged in working at the carpenter and joiners' trade. From his home there he attended the district school. In the fall of 1858 went to Eaton County, Mich., and in the winter taught school there, then went to Adrian, same State, and attended school three months, then returned home. In the following autumn went to Pickaway County, Ohio, and taught school one year, then returned home and taught school

in Windsor. In the spring of 1861, he enlisted in the 19th Ohio Infantry for three months, but served four months and five days. In the autumn of the same year he enlisted in the 6th Ohio Cavalry, and served with them three years and four months. Among the principal engagements, which he took part in, were Gettysburg, Kelly's Ford cavalry fight, Culpepper, 2nd Bull's Run, Uperville, Middleburg, Malvern Hill, and many others; was taken prisoner at Catlett's Station, and as a prisoner remained nine weeks in Libby prison; was finally discharged before Petersburg, Virginia, February 23d, 1865. He then returned home, and in the following autumn was married and began housekeeping in Niles, Trumbull County, Ohio, where he was engaged in a general merchandise business the greater part of the time for the next seventeen years. In 1876, was in the mines of North Carolina for a time. Left Niles in the spring of 1882 and removed to Geneva, Ohio, where he has been engaged in clerking in store ever since. They have one son, SLADE R. YOUNG, born in Niles, Trumbull County, Ohio, September 13th, 1873. He is still with his parents in Geneva, where he attends schools; has given much time to the study and practice of music in which he has made great progress.



12th. CLARISA OLIN was born June 22d, 1847, in Streetsboro, Portage County, Ohio, where she lived but a few months, as the family moved into their new home in the woods of Windsor. There she lived and witnessed many changes in the appearances of that home. Until her marriage, her life had been passed in preparing for the duties and responsibilities that must of ne-

cessity come later in life. To the instruction received at the district school was added a year's attendance at Orwell Academy which must suffice her portion. During her absence at school, or to assist her sister Emeline, a few months at a time, her absence was felt in the home, as no longer was heard her merry song or ringing laugh from which she received the name of "Clara, the laugher." She was married in church at Windsor, Ohio, October 4th, 1868, to JOSEPH J. TUCKER, who was born in Huntsburg, Geauga County, Ohio. April 29th, 1839. His family, after several moves in the vicinity and in Thompson township, settled in Montville, in the same county, in 1855. He was raised on a farm and on such labored the greater part of his younger days. Besides the usual district school he received the benefit of a select school in Leroy, Ohio.

In August, 1861, he enlisted in the 2nd Ohio Cavalry; his first year of service was principally against the Comanche Indians in Texas. In the winter of 1861 his command returned to Ohio to recruit. In the spring of 1862 they joined the army of the Cumberland, where his company afterward participated in what was known as the "Saunders Raid," in which they passed through the mountains at "Big Creek Gap," and were raiding for ten days through Tennessee, where their command became scattered by the rebels who were collected in great force to capture them. In the encounter his horse gave out, and he was left alone to make his way as best he could out of the mountains and through a wild and strange country, full of the enemy, back to the Union lines. The danger of his position made it necessary to be cautious in his movements and not expose himself as among the settlers he knew not friend from foe. Two days he had avoided detection and was slowly making his way back, when on the third night he heard



horsemen approaching, being anxious to learn whether they belonged to the Union or Confederate forces, quietly proceeded to investigate, when he discovered them to be a squad of Rebel Cavalrymen, who were then in pursuit of himself and companions; crawling out of sight again he remained quiet for the rest of that night. In the morning he discovered a path which he followed and soon came out to where some women were hoeing corn; being good Unionists, they gave him something to eat, and found an old man over seventy years old, who volunteered to act as guide, and went with him some thirty-five miles, when he was once more within the Union lines. He was in the mountains six days before he escaped, and two weeks before he got back into camp again. In the fall of 1862 he accompanied Burnside's expedition through Tennessee, where he passed the winter of 1863-'64. In 1864 he re-enlisted, then had an opportunity of going home a short time on furlough. Was then transferred to the Army of the Potomac, was afterward engaged in the battle of the Wilderness. Among the principal engagements he was in may be mentioned those of Knoxville, Waynsboro, Wilderness, Spottsylvania, Cold Harbor, Winchester, Cedar Creek, Fisher's Hill, Stanton, Chapin's Farm, Five Forks, Harper's Farm, and Appomattox Court House. He received his discharge at Columbus, Ohio, September, 1865; then returned home and worked the farm. After their marriage he rented a farm in Leroy, Ohio for one year, then went to Beaver Falls, Penn., where he engaged in the grocery business with his brother-in-law, Wm. Hunt.

In 1872 they moved to Lockwood, Michigan, where he engaged in the lumber business, which they also carried on while in Pennsylvania.

In 1883 they moved to Grand Rapids, Mich., where

they have since resided near the heart of the city. He is extensively engaged in the lumber business, and carries on a large "general store" in Luther, Mich. This "sketch" would be incomplete without mention made of the good work Mrs. Tucker has been engaged in since their home has been in the city. Joining the "King's Daughters," she is seeking to do her Master's work, quietly, yet effectually, and many a heart has been cheered, and many a home made brighter by her kindly presence and assistance. In her the lone widow and poor orphan have a valued friend. In her the church has a zealous worker. The Union Benevolent Home has received inspiration and felt her cheering presence. And through her untiring efforts, the Young Men's Christian Association rejoice in the possession of a long desired copy of an Encyclopedia, costing \$125.00. With her as with her sister, Mrs. Austin, she seeks opportunities of doing good to the poor and lowly, and with the will and means at their command—their field is wide and the harvest golden,—"Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these, my brethren, ye have done it unto me." They have two children—ETHEL MAUDE TUCKER, born June 8th, 1875, in Lockwood, Michigan. Has nearly completed the prescribed course in the Grand Rapids Union Schools, where she has been an attendant since their home has been in the city.

JOSEPH WADE TUCKER, born in Mesopotamia, Trumbull County, Ohio, September 30th, 1881.

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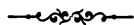
13th. EZRA E. OLIN. was born in Windsor, Ashtabula County, Ohio, April 25th, 1850. In his younger days the district school was an important factor in supplying him with an education which was further ad-

vanced at Grand River Institute, Austinburg, Ohio. He stayed at home until he was sixteen years old, then worked out some three years, by the month, and one year in the lumber woods of Michigan; then returned and worked his father's farm until he was twenty-five. Was married in Orwell, Ohio February 2nd, 1875, to DELINA C. BARNARD, who was born in Windsor, Ohio, June 26th, 1850. Her father was a farmer and lived in the township, and with him she had a home there until her marriage, after which they began housekeeping in the adjoining town of Mesopotamia, where he rented and worked his brother Arvin's farm three years, then rented a farm in Windsor one year, and when the time was completed they moved on to a rented farm of 230 acres in West Andover, same county.

In the spring of 1889 they purchased the farm they had been renting and still continued to reside thereon. Besides their "general farming" they have given considerable attention to dairying interests. Has found time to serve his township as Supervisor, besides serving the public in other capacities. They have one child—LENNAH MAY OLIN, born in West Andover, Ashtabula County, Ohio, August 15th, 1883.

END OF EZRA OLIN BRANCH.

DIVISION 8TH.



**Families and Descendants**  
OF  
**RUTH OLIN BRANCH.**



RUTH OLIN was born in Shaftsbury, Vermont, April 9th, 1804. The first twenty years of her life she enjoyed the benefits and pleasant associations of her father's home. In that time she had attended the district school until her services were considered indispensable. Her education was obtained while she was quite young, before she had been able to make any great advancement in book knowledge. Yet many of the practical problems of life she thoroughly understood, and could solve very readily. Her wheel and loom added considerably toward the support and revenues of the family while she yet lived at home, and in those years she also received lessons of industry and practical economy which continued with her through life.

May 12th, 1824, she was married in Bennington, Vermont, to Joseph B. Stratton, who was born in Bennington township, March 14th, 1800. His parents, Joel and Rhoda (Beman) Stratton, were farmers to which occupation their son was reared. After their marriage they resided on a small farm in Bennington, which he





RUTH OLIN-STRATTON.





JOSEPH B. STRATTON.







cultivated about two years, when he sold out and after settling accounts, had only a span of horses, harness and wagon and one hundred and twenty-five dollars.

In October, 1826, they started with their horses and wagon, in which were loaded a few household effects and their little family, to make the trip to Perry, New York, over the then rough and muddy roads. Upon their arrival in Perry, a farm of eighty-one acres was purchased there, which was their home about four years, and then the farm was sold and another purchased in the adjoining town of Orangeville, which was their home for the next six years. In May, 1836, they again set out for the West, this time settling on a farm of 130 acres in Franklin, Portage County, Ohio, near the banks of the Cuyahoga river and about a mile back from the road, in the woods. They lived in this home a few years, improving and working their land, and, as opportunity offered, purchased an adjoining piece. From a purchase subsequently made, they were enabled to move into a better house than they at first occupied and which was situated near the public highway. They resided in their new home for several years, until by another purchase of land they were again enabled to move into another house upon their farm, which was considered more advantageous by being nearer the market and village. They lived a few years in their "cottage" house and then built a larger and better one. After their children had about all been married and left home, they began selling their land, which at one time amounted to some four hundred acres, until their home was finally sold. They then moved into Kent, onto a small place they had purchased there, and also where they possessed other interests. They afterward made several changes in their place of residence, but never lived outside the limits of Franklin township.

May 12th, 1874, they celebrated their "golden wedding" at their home in Kent, ten of their eleven living children were present on the occasion, besides many near friends and neighbors. As a memorial of the event he presented each of his children the sum of one thousand dollars. They were permitted to enter upon but few more anniversaries as on April 23d, 1878, the wife and mother was called from her labors on earth to enter that rest beyond. He was again married January 15th, 1879, to Mrs. Martha A. Munsee, whose death occurred quite suddenly a few months before his own. From a paper published in his own town at the time of his death, the following is taken: "In early life he had to contend with poverty and struggle with many difficulties, but by the very efficient help of his level-headed, industrious and economical wife, he succeeded in acquiring a handsome property, so that in his old age he has not lacked for anything material possessions could furnish. 'Uncle Jo,' was a man of sterling honesty, of purpose, and integrity of heart. In business affairs his judgement was good even amid the weakness and infirmity that accompany old age. Of the Pioneer Association, he was a charter member and greatly enjoyed the annual meetings. When the Universalist Church in Kent was organized in May, 1866, he was one of the first to join, and remained until his death a faithful honored member. In the hearts of his children and hosts of friends his memory is a benediction of peace and good will. After a long life of usefulness, a life of struggle and victory, of sorrow and hope, that terrible disease, cancer, claimed him as its victim, and a good father, a true friend and worthy citizen is at rest." He died July 14th, 1887, and was buried in the family lot in Standing Rock Cemetery, near Kent. They had twelve children.

1st. ALMIRA STRATTON was born in Bennington, Vermont, February 15th, 1825. She was less than two years old when her parents moved from Vermont to New York. After her parents moved to Ohio she attended school there at the time a school was taught in the new barn built and owned by Arvin Olin, where she says she "graduated," it being the last term she ever attended. Her education, however, was not considered complete until she had mastered the branches of "spinner" and "weaver." For many years she put in practice her knowledge of spinning, until the steady changes of Time quietly moved the old loom and spinning wheel into an obscure corner in the dark chamber or garret. She said she early learned how to play cards; not the kind, however, so much in fashion to-day, but those that were used in shaping wool into rolls ready for spinning into yarns.

October 8th, 1843, she was married to BUEL WHITNEY, who was born in St. Lawrence County, New York, in 1818. After their marriage they began housekeeping in a little log house in the north part of Franklin township, where they lived for a time, and then went to Illinois and remained some five years, and, on returning, made their home in the south part of Streetsboro. Several changes were made in places of residences after this before the war broke out. At that time they were living in Kent, from which place he enlisted as a private in the 104th Regiment, O. V. I. He was afterward promoted to the position of Regimental Chaplain. At Resacca, Georgia, he was taken prisoner and was not exchanged until four months afterward. He then sought his regiment and filled the position he had previously occupied until the expiration of his enlistment. During the time he was in the army his wife served one year as Matron in the Ward Hospitals of Kentucky; part of the

time being spent in Lexington and part in Covington. At the close of the war he returned and purchased a farm of fifty-two acres near Kent, which was ever after his home. During his life he engaged in various occupations, among which was school-teaching, which work he performed very successfully. His education was principally obtained after he was married. While in the army and before he was elected chaplain he was ordained a Methodist minister by Bishop Scott. His life closed November 7th, 1875. He was laid in Standing Rock Cemetery at Kent.

ALMIRA (STRATTON) WHITNEY was married at her father's home in Kent, January 30th, 1878, to George Bradley, who was born February 20th, 1815, in Lee Berkshire County, Mass. He remained in his native town until he was nearly twenty years old, when he left for Hudson, Ohio, where he worked by the month for a time. In 1837 he bought a farm in the southwest corner of Streetsboro, where he lived, was married and raised a family of seven children. His wife died in June, 1874. Since his last marriage they have resided in Kent.



2nd. MARY M. STATTON was born in Bennington, Vermont, August 12th, 1826. The early years of her life were passed in her father's home. She attended the district school, where she obtained her education. Her instructions in music were given by her mother, and they were practiced upon her wheel and the old loom. She was married at her father's home in Franklin, September 17th, 1844, to EZRA C. ADAMS, who was born in the township of Collins, Erie County, New York, July 14th

1823. The first fourteen years of his life were passed near the place of his birth. He then accompanied his parents to their new home in Lyons, Wayne County, same state, where he resided with them the following three years. In 1840 he again removed with them to Franklin, Ohio. The winter after he was eighteen years of age he began the study of medicine with Drs. Morton and Crittenden, of Franklin, and finished his studies with Dr. Crain, of same place. After finishing his studies there he attended two courses of lectures at Willoughby Medical College and received his medical diploma from that institution in the spring of 1845. During his vacation the previous autumn he was married. In the autumn of 1845 he was located in Suffield, Portage County, but meeting with poor success in his practice, after a year's trial he concluded to try his hand at school teaching. His first term was successfully taught the winter of 1841-'42. After his term of school was completed in Suffield, in the spring of 1847 he moved to Brecksville, Ohio, where he established a reputation as a successful practitioner. After a stay of three years he returned to Collins, New York, where he engaged in practice until his removal to Michigan, in the spring of 1854. He then settled in Cooper, Kalamazoo County, which place and near vicinity was his home the greater part of his remaining years. He was considerably interested in politics; was president of the village of Plainwell, and was twice sent to the State Legislature from Kalamazoo County. EZRA C. and MARY M. ADAMS were the parents of six children.

1. ELLEN C. ADAMS was born in Collins, New York, September 18th, 1848. Died September 2d, 1850; was buried in Eden, New York.

2. CHARLES C. ADAMS was born in Eden, Erie County, New York, December 25th, 1851. Was three years old when his parents moved to Michigan and set

tled in Cooper, Kalamazoo County, where he remained about ten years. In 1862, he was appointed "page" or messenger boy in the House of Representatives at Lansing. After serving his time, he was sent to the academy school at Richland, Mich., for six months; then the high school at Kalamazoo, and from there to Olivet College, where his attendance came to an abrupt termination after he had been there two terms. Upon entering school his father furnished the necessary means, also a book in which to keep account of his expenses. At the end of the second term his father requested an examination of his books, which showed the expenses of first term to be \$49, and the second term \$150. Of course, this great difference required explanation. The boy explained that the college and church were great beggars, and, also as the student became better acquainted, it was expected they would give liberally and as a result he had become very benevolent. After considering the subject a moment his father said, "Charles, I think you have made great progress in the study of benevolence. In respect to this branch I am *more* than pleased, in fact, I think you are *too* benevolent. You may drop that study and begin that of Economy, and *I* will become your instructor; you can now remain at home." He says he is still pursuing the study of economy. After leaving college he entered a store in Plainwell, Mich., where he clerked summers, and taught schools winters for the next four or five winters. February 29th, 1872, was married at her parents home in Plainwell, Mich., to EVA M. TENNY, who was born June 17th, 1852, in Armada, Macomb County, Mich. Her father, L. Tenny, was born in Henrietta, Monroe County, N. Y., and her mother, Frances Scranton-Tenny, was born in Middlebury, Genesee County, N. Y. Her father was a farmer and musician. In connection with his farm work

he usually taught band music during the winter season. Having a farm of 160 acres, and a place in the village of Armada, they occasionally moved back and forth from the farm to the home in the village where they finally settled when Eva was eight years old and there attended school. Four years later her parents moved onto a farm in Pine Run, in Genesee County, where they resided three years; then sold and removed to Plainwell, Allegan County, where she first attended a graded school and where she took lessons in elocution from the since famous Mrs. May Wright-Sewell. From her early years she possessed a love for music from which she still receives great pleasure and comfort. The first six months after their marriage were living at their parents' home, while her father, who was also a job builder, was engaged in building them a house in Plainwell, in which they began housekeeping and where he was still clerking, but for a different firm. After a stay of six months, they traded their house and lot toward a farm east of Plainwell, which they kept six months, then sold it and bought another in the town of Alamo, Kalamazoo County, on which they lived five years, then sold out. On account of his wife's failing health he concluded to try a different climate and arranged to handle spring-tooth harrows in California and Oregon, where they lived one year. Her health being restored they returned to Plainwell where she remained while he was engaged six months as traveling salesman in Illinois. In 1881, he entered into the mercantile business in Alamo in company with his father; three years later he purchased his father's interest and continued the business which has proven very satisfactory until the autumn of 1891, when he sold out, taking in part payment a house and lot in Kalamazoo, where they are at present living. They have three children. EVA MAY ADAMS was born in Plainwell, Allegan County,

Mich., February 12th, 1873. She attended school as regular as her health would permit. When eleven years old she was sent to Otsego, where she attended school two terms, but her health failing she was advised to give up her school rather than sacrifice health. She received, however, a good common school education.

September 28th, 1891, she was married to FRED J. McCALL, who was born in Alamo, Kalamazoo County, Mich., June 13th, 1879. His father is a noted farmer in Alamo, where he has a large farm on which the son has always resided, receiving good remuneration for his labor. After their marriage they joined the Olin Excursion and made a trip to Buffalo, Niagara Falls and other places. On their return to Alamo she remained with her parents a few weeks, and at present is living with his people, while he is looking for a suitable farm to purchase, which business he intends to continue.

FRANCES F. ADAMS was born in Alamo, Kalamazoo County, Mich., February 22d, 1883.

LELLIAN LEROY ADAMS was born October 10th, 1885, in Alamo, Kalamazoo County, Mich.

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FRANK C. ADAMS was born in Collins, Erie County, N. Y., November 8th, 1853. He was about nineteen years old before he engaged in business for himself. He worked his father's farm in Plainwell three years, after which he went to California, and was there employed a year in selling buggies for a Cincinnati firm. On his return he was engaged in the retail shoe trade in Plainwell, Mich. After selling out that business he was engaged as salesman for a wholesale shoe firm and traveled in Michigan five years. He then engaged with another firm and traveled in Kansas one year, when he received the appointment as postal clerk on the rail-



road from Grand Rapids to Elkhart, Ind., which position he held three years, then resigned on account of change in administration. Since then he has been employed as traveling salesman for a Cleveland firm. He was married February 26th, 1873, in church at Plainwell, Mich., to MARIA E. POWERS, who was born June 4th, 1853, in Peru, Clinton County, New York. She was yet an infant when her parents moved to Middlebury, Ind., where they resided some fifteen years, after which they resided in Benton Harbor, and a short time in Sturgis, Mich., then returned to Middlebury, where they lived at the time of her father's death. When she was about sixteen years old she went to Plainwell, Mich., to live with her sister, and was living there when married. In obtaining his education, Mr. Adams attended the common schools and one term at Mt. Union College, in Ohio; then attended about one year the college at Olivet, Mich., and finished with a three months' course at Kalamazoo Business College. They have two children. MARY JOSEPHINE ADAMS was born in Plainwell, Allegan County, Mich., October 5th, 1874. At the time these notes were taken was attending high school in Grand Rapids, Mich., with the intention of graduating therefrom.

JOHN E. ADAMS was born in Plainwell, Michigan, April 7th, 1879.

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LILLIAN JOY and LEON LEROY ADAMS were born in Cooper, Kalamazoo County, Mich., March 29th, 1861. Lillian J. died March 12th, 1862; and Leon L. died December 14th, 1862. They were buried in Cooper, Mich.

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ALLIE S. ADAMS was born in Cooper, Michigan, April 19th, 1864. When he was about three years old his

parents moved to Plainwell, Mich., where they resided some ten years, and he there attended school. He then went with his father to Alamo, Mich., where he lived with his brother Charles on the farm some two years. After selling the farm, his brother engaged in the mercantile business there and he assisted his brother until he was about twenty-one years old. He was engaged for a time as traveling salesman for a windmill company, and traveled in Kansas and Nebraska. He was married January 23rd, 1886, at Alamo Center, Mich., to FRANCES S. TALLMAN, who was born September 6th, 1865, in Alamo, Kalamazoo County, Mich. Her father was a farmer and moved into the township in an early day, settling in the woods as it were, but by hard labor has secured a large and well-improved farm. After their marriage they lived in Plainwell one year, then moved onto a farm of fifty-two acres, which they own in the south part of Gunn Plains township, Allegan County, Mich., and which has been their home ever since. They have one child. HELEN MARY ADAMS was born in Plainwell, Allegan County, Mich., December 4th, 1886.

MARY STRATTON ADAMS was married the second time September 7th, 1880, in Onawa, Winona County, Iowa, to DWIGHT P. HOPKINS, who was born in Fairfax, Franklin County, Vt., December 24th, 1814. He left Vermont in the fall of 1834; lived in Franklin, Ohio, until 1869, then went to Dakota, where he lived and in Iowa some ten years; settled in Plainwell in 1881 where he engaged in the boot and shoe trade. They remained there until the spring of 1888 when they moved onto a farm in the edge of Cooper township, where they have since lived. He has taught some twenty-six terms of school, and has been engaged in farming the most of his life. Dr. Ezra C. Adams was again married at Alamo, Mich., on November 19th, 1884, to Myra L. Matteson.

Dr. Adams died December 1st, 1887, and is buried in Cooper cemetery.



3rd. ASA STRATTON was born in Perry, Wyoming County, N.Y., February 24th, 1828, lived there until he was three years old, his parents then moved into Orangeville, an adjoining town; and there remained until their removal to Ohio in 1836. He lived with his parents in their home on the banks of the Cuyahoga river in Franklin, helping to clear up their farm and cultivate it. He worked in this way until he was past seventeen years old when his father hired him out to George Messenger at twelve dollars per month. From this time until he began for himself he was either helping on the farm or working out; his father receiving his wages. While he was living at home the following incident occurred, which, as he relates it shows what can be accomplished if one has the power, will and determination to accomplish what they undertake. One time he was very anxious to attend some kind of "doings," which he learned was to take place on the following day. On his return from school he told his mother about it, and how much he wished to go; on obtaining her consent, it was then discovered that there was one very essential thing needed, namely, a new pair of pantaloons, and upon further inquiry his mother told him that there was nothing in the house to make them of either. At this, his last hope seemed to vanish, and he keenly felt the disappointment at which the mother's sympathetic heart was touched and she finally said, "now, Asa, you take care of the baby and I'll see what I can do." So she went to work at the old loom, the shuttle fairly flew as back and forth it went on its mission, the

necessary three yards were at last finished and cut from the loom, then what to make them with, as it was discovered there was no thread in the house either. Aunt Ruth by this time began to scold a little, but there was the flax and there the little wheel which was soon set humming, the thread was made, and the next morning when he arose there on the bedpost hung his new pantaloons ready for him to put on, made entirely that night by that energetic and persevering mother who surmounted every obstacle in carrying out her will and purpose. About three months before he was of age his father gave him his time, but thinking he was entitled to a little more than that, claimed and finally received an ax and pair of sheep shears with which he started out to cut his own way through the world. At the end of the first year he had the satisfaction of counting up one hundred and seventy five dollars as the result of his labor. The second year he worked out by the month. The year he was twenty-three, he was engaged in taking and doing odd jobs, and watching for chances to speculate a little. In the spring of 1851, he bargained for what was then known as the Wadsworth farm in Franklin. May 4th, 1851, he was married in Ravenna, Ohio, to ELIZA B. FOSTER, who was born October 2nd, 1827, in Franklin, Portage County, Ohio. Her father died when she was but seven years old. Her mother was then left with a family of six children, the eldest but eleven years old. By the help of her eldest son the mother managed to keep the rest of the family together, but she was permitted to go and live with her grand parents in Pennsylvania, where she remained until she was eighteen; then returned to her mother's home in Franklin, after which she was engaged a large part of the time in working out by the week. The wages then paid varying from seventy-five cents to a dollar and a quarter. Soon after their marriage they

began housekeeping in a house on the old Solomon Cole farm which his father then owned. In the fall of the same year having disposed of his interest in the land bought the year before, he bade adieu to his old associates and the home of his youth and started off to find a home in Michigan, where he arrived with something over \$600. About the beginning of the year 1852, he made his first purchase of land in Richland, Michigan. It consisted of eighty acres for which he was to pay \$700. During the first few months on their new farm they saw close times, their money was nearly all paid out for the land, it was winter time and everything had to be bought to live on and yet no *store debt* must be tolerated. Economy was practiced in everything and with hard work and plenty of it better times soon came. After living on this farm about three years he sold it for \$2,200 and then purchased 120 acres, on which he now lives. Since then he has added to it until his farm consists of 240 acres. On this he has built a large and comfortable dwelling, large barns and other convenient buildings, until it seems that nothing more could be added for comfort and convenience. The larger part of his land he has wrested from the primitive forest, and where but a few years before the wild deer roamed in peace and security, are now rich and verdant fields. In contemplating the result of those many years of hard labor it is but natural that he should feel a secret pride in the possession and enjoyment of his home, that required so many years of life spent in careful, thoughtful and earnest work in acquiring it. They have had eleven children.

SARAH R. STRATTON was born in Richland, Kalamazoo County, Mich., August 18th, 1852. Up to the time of her marriage she had only lived away from home a part of a year, when she attended school in Kalamazoo. She was married in Richland, Mich., by Rev. M.

Bradley, November 23rd, 1870, to CLARENCE L. HARVEY, who was born March 26th, 1849, in Madison County, N. Y., which place he left when quite young, his parents taking up their residence in Ross, Kalamazoo County, Mich., where, after a stay of a year or two, they removed to Barry, Barry County, same State, onto a farm his father had purchased. He lived there until he was fourteen years old. His father then sold the farm and bought another one on Gull Prairie, in Richland. On this place he lived and labored until he was married, after which he purchased a farm of forty acres in the east part of Richland, where they lived ten years. He then sold out and, after a stay of a year and a half on a place in Alamo, he bought a farm near Richland Center on which they resided a year and a half, then traded with his brother-in-law for a half interest in a grist-mill in Bedford, Mich., where he moved his family and worked in the mill about eighteen months. After disposing of his interest in the mill in Bedford, he removed to Hamilton, Allegan County, where he owned a share in a grist mill with his brother. This mill he worked about three and a half years, then selling out his interest, he purchased a half interest with his brother-in-law, Joseph Young, in a large grist-mill in Allegan, Mich., which they have carried on successfully ever since. They have two children. WILLIS L. HARVEY was born in Richland, Kalamazoo County, Mich., March 13th, 1872. In the spring of 1890, he was attending the Union schools in Allegan where he would graduate in one year more. He was then a great help to his father in keeping books for their business. MAURICE E. HARVEY was born August 19th, 1875, in Richland, Kalamazoo County, Mich. Is now attending school in Allegan.

HEMAN J. and FREEMAN S. STRATTON were born in the township of Richland, Kalamazoo County, Mich., February 10th, 1854.

HEMAN J. STRATTON made his home with his father until he was about twenty-six years old. In his father he felt he had a good and thorough teacher, who trained him in all kinds of farm work, and, as if fearing he might forget what he had already learned, kept him constantly drilled. Although he had plenty to do, yet he had many pleasant and happy experiences in his childhood's home. His time, after he became of age, was principally employed in working land rented of his father. He also devoted considerable time in receiving instruction and working at oil painting, for which he possesses a natural talent. He was married May 14th, 1879, to KITTIE MAY FRIEND at her home in Cooper township. She was born in Cooper, Kalamazoo County, Mich., April 24th, 1861. Being a farmer's daughter, her early life was passed upon the farm. After their marriage they moved into a house on his father's farm where they lived for a time, engaged in working for his father, and at portrait painting. In the fall of 1882, they moved to Dakota where he purchased a half section of land for \$800, took a homestead of 160 acres, and then another 160 acres as a timber claim. He continued working on his land and improving it, at the same time giving considerable attention to portrait painting. He finally decided to take instructions in India ink work, with the intention of making that his life work. After becoming more proficient he decided to remove to Sioux Falls, but before becoming settled there his wife received news of the serious illness of her mother in Michigan, where she hastened, arriving in time to witness her death. Her father then very much desiring her to remain and keep house for him, it was decided to give up other plans and

remove to Cooper, Mich., where they have resided nearly a year, and where he is engaged in taking orders, and executing work in portrait painting. They have one daughter. MABEL LILLIAN STRATTON was born in Richland, Kalamazoo County, Mich., July 3rd, 1883.

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FREEMAN S. STRATTON remained with his father on the farm until he became of age; he then began for himself, hiring out for one year as clerk in a store at Gull Corners, Richland, receiving \$12.50 per month. He then engaged to a Kalamazoo company to travel in the south selling agricultural implements; remained with them one year, then entered into partnership with P. Gilkey in general dry goods store at "Gull Corners," in Richland, where he was engaged about eighteen months, and then after making a few changes in business he purchased a farm of 121 acres in Richland and also owns a small place at "Gull Corners," where they have lived the greater part of the time since they were married. He was married in church at Richland, Michigan, October 27th, 1880 to EMMA J. TRAVIS, who was born in Cooper township, Kalamazoo county, Mich., October 13th, 1859. Her parents soon after moved into Richland on a farm, where they remained until her mother's death which occurred when she was about eight years old; her father then moved into Kalamazoo, where they resided, she attending school, until her father married again. They then returned to the farm in Richland where she lived until her marriage. They live in their home at the "Corners" and carry on the farm a little distance out of town, besides he is engaged in buying and selling stock or produce whenever he sees an opportunity of making it profitable.



A little incident connected with his early life on the old farm is still fresh in his mind, perhaps due to the deep impression then made upon his mental as well as physical being. One day while their father was away from home, it occurred to him and his brother Heman that their father's hogs ought to be "branded," and, as the job had already been long neglected, their father possibly might on his return be pleased to find that they had "done up" the job in good shape. Proceeding to the barn they drove the animals into an enclosure where in passing out but one could go at a time. The operation had been prepared for by heating the fire poker red hot so when all was ready one of the pigs was permitted to enter a narrow passage in going out, and as it passed a certain point down came the hot poker and with a jump and squeal away the poor pig broke for the woods while the boys danced and laughed and congratulated themselves over their success, and the fun they were having. They had not yet completed their job in fact it never was completed when their father unexpectedly returned and hearing the commotion back of the barn sought at once to investigate and there found his boys, pigs and hot poker, all busy. Upon his sudden appearance among them the boys realized at once from his looks that they had made a serious mistake in not taking him into their confidence at first. The fact of their mistake they further realized when the proceedings ended with music and dancing; the music was voluntary on their part, and the dancing was of such a nature that it would have been better enjoyed had some one else been doing it. Their experience however demonstrates that it is unnecessary for hogs to be branded with a hot poker.

NELLIE M. STRATTON, daughter of Freeman and Emma Stratton, was born in Richland, Kalamazoo County, Mich., December 9th, 1886.

ELECTA MAY STRATTON, was born in Richland, Kalamazoo county, Mich., July 2d, 1857. She attended the district school near her home; also school in Augusta village, living at the time with her aunt whose home was near town. The last summer she was at home at her father's she taught a term of district school. She was married at her home in Richland, February 7th, 1877, to JOSEPH E. YOUNG, who was born December 6th, 1847, in Sodus, Berrien County, Mich.; was about five years old when his parents moved to Battle Creek, Mich., where they lived some two years, then moved into the north part of Charleston, Kalamazoo County, where the father bought a farm and engaged in farming some three years, but on account of failing health sold out and moved into Augusta village. Until he was twenty he passed the greater part of his time on the farm. At that time he entered the grist-mill in Augusta where he learned the trade which he has ever since followed. Was working in the mill there when he was married, and remained there two years afterward. Was then engaged to run the mill at Howlandsburg, some four miles west, where they remained about a year, then purchased one-half interest in a grist-mill at Bedford, Calhoun County, where they lived some eight years; while in the mill there he made some repairs after which it became a source of much profit. On the last of November, 1888, he sold out his interest and immediately purchased an interest in a large flouring mill in Allegan, Mich., where he still resides and since the repairs on the mill it brings him a good revenue. They have two children GERTIE F. YOUNG, born August 19th, 1879, in the village of Augusta, Kalamazoo county, Mich., IDA MAY YOUNG, was born in Bedford, Calhoun County, Mich., March 23rd, 1882.

LUTHER STRATTON was born in Richland, Kalamazoo County, Mich., June 15th, 1859. He was reared on and educated in the knowledge of farm work. While growing to years of maturity he assisted his father in the cultivation of the farm, and attended the district school near by. Was married in Augusta, Kalamazoo County, Mich., November 11th, 1879, to MAGGIE MCPHERSON, who was born October 9th, 1857, in Ross, Kalamazoo County, Mich. Since their marriage he has been, for the greater part of the time, engaged in the milling business in the town of Bedford, Calhoun County, where he possessed an interest in a flouring mill, but which was disposed of in the season of 1891. He then purchased an interest in a fruit dryer at Delton, Mich., which he operates in its season. He is engaged as agent for the McCormick Machine Co. in selling their machines and in putting up their self-binders. They now reside in Bedford and have one son, FRED STRATTON, who was born in Bedford, Calhoun County, Mich., June 1st, 1882.

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GEORGE L. STRATTON was born in Richland, Mich., April 23rd, 1861. His earliest recollections are connected with scenes and incidents of farm life. Like the other boys he became accustomed to attending to chores and performing the labor necessary on all farms, besides attending the district school during winter time when work was not pressing. As the years went by and he approached mature years, he would often think of the great West and its many attractions until he decided to try his fortune there. He, therefore, bade adieu to his friends and home of his youth and bent his steps toward the Black Hills country of the far West, where he secured labor at bridge building on one of the new railroads just entering that wild country. He was thus en-

gaged about three years when he returned and was afterward married at his father's home in Richland, Mich., July 15th, 1883, to MELISSA SHRYER, who was born December 19th, 1857, in Chatuagay, Franklin County, N. Y. Soon after their marriage they started for Dakota, where they settled upon a new prairie farm near Hazelton, Hanson County, and began the work of life in earnest. He still resides in his Dakota home and is quite extensively engaged in stock raising as well as agricultural pursuits. They have two children. FOSTER A. STRATTON was born in Hazelton, Hanson County, Dakota, January 22nd, 1886. HOWARD STRATTON was born in Dakota.

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FRANK E. STRATTON was born June 27th, 1863, in Richland, Kalamazoo County, Michigan. The same influences were brought to bear upon his early life and he passed through about the same experiences in those years as other members of the same family in turn participated in. The event of special importance was when he was married in Barry, Barry County, Mich., December 28th, 1881, to HELEN A. FORD, who was born November 10th, 1862, in Elba, Genesee County, N. Y. She was the only child of her parents, who, at the time of her marriage, resided on a large farm in Barry Mich. In accordance with the wishes of her parents, they then made their home with them for a few years, where for a time they engaged in the hardware business in Climax, Mich., but upon selling their stock they returned to her father's farm, which has afforded them plenty of employment ever since. They have one son. J. FORD STRATTON was born June 1st, 1886, in Climax, Kalamazoo County, Mich.

BURT E. STRATTON was born June 16th, 1866, in Richland, Mich., died July 30th, 1866, and buried in Richland cemetery.

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CHARLES O. STRATTON was born at the old farm homestead in Richland, Michigan, March 4th, 1868. He remained on the farm until he was about seventeen years old when he engaged in the milling business in Bedford, Calhoun County, and came into possession of half interest of the mill, which he continued to operate about three years when he sold out, and soon after, in January, 1892, he purchased 111 acres of land in Ross, Kalamazoo County, and at once engaged in getting off the timber, On May 28th, 1890, he was married to CORA J. VOSBURG at her parents' home in Ross, Kalamazoo County, Mich., where she was born February 20th, 1866. She was a farmer's daughter, thus her home was upon the farm until her marriage when she began housekeeping in Bedford, where they resided until April, 1892, when they removed into Richland on his father's farm which he has engaged to work. They have one son, EMIL H. STRATTON, born June 26th, 1891, in Bedford, Calhoun County, Mich.

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FREDERICK W. STRATTON was born October 29th, 1869, in Richland, Kalamazoo County, Mich. His childhood and early youth were passed in his father's home, and he had access to the district school near by where he obtained his education. The old farm failing to possess sufficient attraction to retain him, he engaged for some time in different pursuits, principally in the vicinity of his old home in Michigan and near his brother George in Dakota, where he became somewhat interested in farming.

GRACE E. STRATTON was born in Richland, Michigan, December 1st, 1872. The early part of her life was passed entirely in her parents' home where she took part in its duties and attended school. During the past few years she has been more from home, attending school in Paw Paw, and Allegan where she resided with an older sister while thus engaged. Her mother's health finally failing she saw her duty in at once giving up her cherished wishes of obtaining an education and returning to the home where her presence was so much needed in looking after those household duties which her mother had so long and faithfully performed.



4th. LUCAS STRATTON was born November 8th, 1829, while his parents were living in Perry, Wyoming County, N. Y. Soon after his birth his parents moved into Orangeville, same county, where they resided until he was past six years old. In May, 1836, his parents sold out in "York State" and loading their effects into a two-horse wagon and following in buggy, they made their way to Franklin, Portage County, Ohio. The first summer they lived in a little log house owned by Arvin Olin, and stood on the opposite side of the road from where his brick house was built. They then moved on to a place of 112 acres they bought, for which they were to pay \$12.50 per acre. Their land was back from the road and lay along the Cuyahoga River, north of where Kent is now. He lived with his parents on that place some eight years. They then bought an adjoining piece on the west which came out to the Franklin and Streetboro road. On this was a good house for those times. This was his home while he remained with his parents,

the large farm furnishing him plenty of employment. He never had the advantages of school which many, even at that time, enjoyed. The first month would usually be half gone before he could begin the term, and then at the close the last half month was usually in work at home, so that each term was very short and irregularly attended; yet in the practical lessons of life he has received a great deal of instruction and became well-informed so that he has been enabled to make good progress in life. In the spring of 1853, he and his brother Samuel bought a farm of 130 acres of Zenas Kent in the eastern part of Franklin township. On September 11th, 1853, he was married to CLARINDA FRAZIER, who was born in Streetsboro, Portage County, Ohio, November 15th, 1834. She lived with her parents until her marriage; being the oldest of the family the care of the younger children rested greatly with her and more so especially after the death of her mother, which occurred a year and a half before she left home. After their marriage they moved onto the place he bought a few months before, where they lived three years and a half, then sold out and moved back to the old homestead which he purchased of his father. On this place of eighty-six acres they lived twelve years, then sold out and moved into Indiana where his brother Samuel was living, with the intention of settling there if he liked the country, but as he was not really suited after a short stay, he moved to Michigan thinking he might suit himself better, but as he did not he returned to Indiana in the spring of 1869 and remained there until the following November, then returned to Franklin, Ohio, and rented a farm of Marvin Kent and engaged quite extensively in the dairying business with satisfactory results. In 1872 he bought the Barber Clark place which adjoins Kent on the East and was there engaged in farming until the spring of 1876 when

he sold out and moved to Gunn Plains, Allegan County, Mich., where he engaged in farming until the spring of 1882 he sold out for \$14,200. The following summer he was looking about for another home. Desiring to see the West he made an extended trip into Nebraska, Kansas and other States, but finding nothing there that suited him as well as a large farm just west of Galesburg, Mich., he finally purchased it, together with the stock and tools, paying the sum of \$15,500. This farm he kept until the spring of 1888 when he sold and rented a farm during the summer; then in fall bought a farm of 140 acres about a half mile west of the place he sold in the spring before, and a mile and a half west of Galesburg, Mich., where they now reside. They have had five children.

MARY C. STRATTON was born October 9th, 1854, in Franklin, Ohio. She died February 11th, 1855, and was buried in the Williard burying ground near Brady Lake.

ELLA L. STRATTON was born in Franklin, Portage county, Ohio, March 12th, 1857. Until her marriage she found a home with her parents, and the years passed pleasantly in the discharge of home duties and attending school. She was married at the home of her parents in Gunn Plains, Allegan County, Mich., November 27th, 1879, to CHRISTOPHER H. WEST, who was born May 22d, 1851, in Franklin, Venango county, Penn. His early life was passed principally on the farm. He learned the brick mason trade, which he has worked at considerably. After their marriage they returned to Kent, Ohio, where he was engaged some two years or more working his father's farm. He then rented Mercy Olin's farm in Streetsboro which he carried on two years, then removed to Comstock, Mich., where he worked his father Stratton's farm one year, when he received the appointment of overseer of the County House and farm,



which position he retained until June, 1889. He then rented a house in Galesburg, which was their home until their final removal west.

After a trip with his wife to the West, they went to Kent, Ohio, where they remained some time visiting, and at the same time he worked at his trade. After returning to Galesburg, in the spring of 1890, he removed his family to Omaha, Nebraska, and engaged the first summer in work at his trade; then purchased an interest in a livery and feed stable in Omaha, where he now resides. They have had two children. GRACIE L. WEST, was born in Franklin, Portage County, Ohio, September 5th, 1881. GERTIE C. WEST, was born in Comstock, Mich., August 2nd, 1884, and died August 25th, 1888.

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CARRIE D. STRATTON, was born in Franklin, Ohio, September 22nd, 1859, died February 13th, 1870, was buried in Kent cemetery.

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WILL B. STRATTON, was born July 20th, 1862, in Franklin, Portage County, Ohio. The farm has always been his home, and now deprived the privilege of driving a team or breaking a colt, it would seem that life had lost much of its pleasure. He was married December 28th, 1887, to EDITH E. CHAPMAN, at her parents home in Earlville, Ohio. She was born February 8th, 1862, in Rootstown, Portage County, Ohio, where her parents resided until she was fifteen months old, then removed to Earlville, Ohio, where her father has since been employed as agent by the railroad company. She attended district school there, also Union schools at Kent and Berea, Ohio. Her home was with her parents until her marriage. Since then they have been engaged in

farming, principally in Michigan where he worked his father's farm. Once or twice they returned to Ohio, where he was engaged in farming and other work. During the summer of 1891, they resided on and worked a farm in Comstock, Mich. At present their home is with his father near Galesburg. They have one daughter, INDEPENDENCE C. STRATTON, was born July 4th, 1890, in Comstock, Kalamazoo county, Mich.

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INA D. STRATTON, was born in Franklin, Portage County, Ohio, November 12th, 1865. Her childhood and youth furnish but little interesting material, as her early years were passed quietly at home. In obtaining her education she received the benefit of the Kent, Plainwell and Galesburg Union Schools. She also received instruction in oil and crayon painting, which work she delights in and has succeeded in executing some very creditable work in that direction. She has also completed three "Olin family trees" which required skill in the arrangement, with much time and patience in the performance of the work. She was married at her father's home near Galesburg, Mich., October 27th, 1886, to GEORGE E. WALKER, who was born May 30th, 1861, in Richland, Kalamazoo county, Mich., where he has always resided in his father's home. Was raised on the farm and continues to work the place with other land he has purchased adjoining it. In obtaining his education the district school was largely patronized, then for a time the school in Galesburg. They have two children. BESS INA WALKER was born in Richland, Kalamazoo county, Mich., August 12th, 1889. LUCAS GEORGE WALKER was born January 10th, 1891, in Richland, Michigan.

5th. SAMUEL STRATTON was born in Orangeville, Wyoming county, N. Y., August 19th, 1831, was quite a small boy when his parents settled upon the old place in Franklin, Ohio, where for a few years his home was some distance back from the road and near the bank of the Cuyahoga River. On the farm there the early years of his life were passed until he became of age. His education then was obtained under many difficulties; his father having a large farm, there were always a great many chores to be done, some of which, as the feeding of sheep or cattle, required a trip each night and morning to the back part of the farm; this chore usually fell upon him in the winter season, so that it was late each day when he appeared at school and early when he must leave again. As a result his education was somewhat limited. The rest of each season he was engaged in hard labor on the farm. Large quantities of wheat were usually grown and when it was ready for cutting the "old Mula," and "Grape Vine" cradles were brought out and harvest began in earnest. When but sixteen years old he took his place with the men and "none of the boys" could get the best of him in swinging the cradle. He remained at home until he was twenty-two years of age. Was married in Streetsboro, Ohio, February 19th, 1854, to MARY THOMPSON, who was born in Dalkeith, Scotland, May 21st, 1833. Was about a year old when her parents left their native country and afterward settled in Streetsboro, Ohio, which place was her home at the time of her marriage, after which, with her husband they removed to Lenox, Ashtabula county, Ohio, where they engaged in the dairy business, usually milking thirty-three cows, which they continued eight years; then becoming tired of the business they closed out and moved to Paxton, Illinois, and engaged in sheep raising which business paid much better. The late war then being in progress

he was notified one day by the Government officials that he had been "drafted," and was to report at once or furnish a substitute. His sheep were sold, the man furnished, and he then returned to Ohio, and engaged in the mercantile business in Kent where he remained about two years; then closed up his business again and went into Indiana near Crown Point, and engaged in handling stock, buying and selling, for five years; then went to Nebraska, a few miles from Omaha, and settled in Ashland, where he has ever since been engaged in the buying and selling of horses, and in farming, raising corn principally. He is well suited with the country in which he has made his home, but now desires to close up his business which he finds a hard matter as he has been so long and busily engaged. They have two children. CHARLES STRATTON was born in Lenox, Ashtabula county, Ohio, March —, 1855. He obtained a good education, graduating at Nebraska State University. He has been engaged in the real estate and loan business in Ohaha for some years, and where he still resides. He was married in York, Nebraska, June 26th, 1885, to MINNIE CODDING, who was born in 1860. They have two children: VEDA STRATTON, born in 1886, CHARLIE R. STRATTON, born in 1889.

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DELIA STRATTON was born in Paxton, Ford county, Illinois, March 4th, 1864. She also received a good education graduating at the State University of Nebraska. She has devoted much of her time since in teaching. She remains unmarried. Letters of inquiry failed to obtain material for a better "sketch."



6th. FREEMAN STRATTON was born in Orangeville, Wyoming county, N. Y., June 26th, 1833. Was there-

fore but three years old when his parents moved to Ohio, settling first near the banks of the Cuyahoga River and afterward in the "home on the hill." He received a limited education obtained at the district school with one term of select school in Twinsburg, Ohio. He lived at home until he was twenty-three years of age, then in company with a brother rented a farm in the east part of Franklin which they worked one season. May 5th, 1857, he was married in Ravenna, Ohio, to EMELIA WILLIARD, who was born in Franklin, Portage county, Ohio, April 16th, 1835. Her father Frederic Williard was one of the early settlers of the township. During her early and entire life as it proved her home was never outside the township in which she was born. Her early life was passed in her parents' home assisting in the household duties. When attending school she became greatly interested in her books, from which she gained sufficient knowledge to enable her to teach successfully two terms of district school. In the spring of 1858 he left the rented farm and purchased a place of thirty-five acres nearer town, on which they moved and there resided some seven years; then sold out and moved onto a farm of about seventy acres, close to the village of Kent, where he remained two years; then sold and after a short stay on his father's place he moved onto his father Williard's old homestead in 1879, which he then purchased and has ever since been his home. Farming has been his life work and he has been as successful as the times would admit. Mrs. Emelia Stratton's death which occurred December 26th, 1888, left a great vacancy in the home, neighborhood and large circle of friends. Her sickness was protracted and her sufferings severe, yet she endured it all patiently and uncomplainingly. None knew her but to love her. They had four children.

MAGGIE STRATTON, born in Franklin, Ohio, October 17th, 1864. Died September 10th, 1866, buried in Kent cemetery.

GEORGIANA STRATTON was born in Franklin township, Portage county, Ohio, February 22nd, 1868. She has always lived in her father's home and since her mother's death has the care of the home resting upon her. Attended the district and Kent Union schools.

HARRY J. STRATTON, born in Franklin, Portage county, Ohio, August 31st, 1874. In the spring of 1890 he was attending the schools in Kent with the intention of completing the course.

FRANKLIN S. STRATTON was born February 26th, 1879, in Franklin, Ohio.



7th. JOEL STRATTON was born in Orangeville, N. Y., March 28th, 1835. Was accidentally scalded in a pail of hot water causing his death, January 12th, 1838.



8th. JONATHAN N. STRATTON, was born in Franklin, Portage county, Ohio, May 16th, 1837. He lived at home working on the farm until he became of age. Attended school in the brick school-house near Arvin Olin's Corners, where from the surrounding country there used to assemble from sixty to seventy scholars of all sizes and ages below twenty-five. Many of those young men were accustomed to see the rough side of life and knew but little of its refining influences, and seemed rather to expect a teacher to be well versed in the use of the "rod," or else would consider themselves entitled to command.

It was no unusual sight for several large whips to be standing in a corner by the teachers desk ready for use and there were usually a few pupils in each school who, by their deportment, seemed to think it their duty to see that those whips were put into use. Two or three such exercises a day did not appear to interfere with the general progress of the school, as it seemed but a part of the daily program. When the subject of this sketch was twenty-one, he bought a place of 190 acres near Kent, then known as the Frost place; he also bought a place of six acres on the opposite side of the street known as the Pendleton place, on which was a house, into which they moved soon after their marriage, which took place in Ravenna, Ohio, October 29th, 1862.

His wife, MISS HARRIET F. DEWEY, was born on the old homestead north of Kent in Franklin, Portage County, Ohio, September 7th, 1839. She continued to live in the old home until her marriage; besides the district school she attended the Kent Schools some three years. They lived in their first home six years, then moved onto her father's old homestead, and afterward they built a new house on one part of it which they own and which has been their home ever since. He has been engaged some eight years of his life in mercantile business in Kent, part of the time was in company with his brother, Samuel, in dry goods, and afterward he was engaged in a clothing store. During the past eight years he has given his attention to his farm. They have two children. ADDIE M. STRATTON was born in Franklin, Portage County, Ohio, August 11th, 1864. She had a home with her parents until after her marriage. During those early years of her life she was engaged in looking after an education which was obtained at Kent High School, where she graduated in the summer of 1883. Since then taught eight terms of

school; was married at her father's home, near Kent, December 20th, 1888, to JOHN LEMMERMEN, who was born in Shallersville, Portage County, Ohio, September 10th, 1861. His father being engaged in farming, he early became accustomed to labor in that branch of business which he still follows. The spring after they were married they moved onto a rented farm in the south-west part of Streetsboro, which he worked about two years; then moved onto another rented farm in the east part of Franklin, where they at present reside. They have one son, RAY LEMMERMEN, who was born in Streetsboro, Portage County, Ohio, November 14th, 1890.

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FIDELIA F. STRATTON was born in Franklin, Portage County, Ohio, November 26th, 1867. She is still at home where she has always resided. Obtained a liberal education at the Kent schools. In her home may be seen specimens of her handiwork in painting, in which she exhibits fine taste and skill. In the fall of 1891 she accompanied her parents on the excursion to Bennington, Vt., and from there on a visit to friends in Massachusetts.



9th. MELISSA E. STRATTON was born May 28th, 1839, in Franklin Township, Ohio, while her parents resided in the old home near the river; from there she afterward removed to the "home on the hill," where she lived until the fall of 1856. She did not neglect her opportunities for obtaining an education, as she was a member for some time of the district school, then a select school in Kent. In the fall after she was seventeen she went to Michigan to make her sister Mary a



visit, which proved to be a long one. As she never returned to occupy her place in the old home she had left, but remained in Michigan ever since. April 26th, 1857, she was married in Cooper, Kalamazoo County, Mich., to ORRIN J. WOODARD, who was born March 16th., 1823, in Providence, Saratoga, County, N. Y. He was the third child, but oldest son in a family of six children. His father was a native of Washington County, N. Y., and when a boy often hoed corn on what is called the Bennington battlefield; although on the New York side of the line, he would there occasionally find a bullet that was used in the battle. The father moved into Jefferson County, same state, when his son was about three years old and remained there some four years, then moved across the St. Lawrence River into Canada, where he lived about three years; then near Hamilton one summer, when he removed to Kent County, Canada, making in all a residence in Canada of seven years. In 1847 he went with his father to Cooper, Kalamozoo County, Mich., where his father purchased a farm on which the son resided until he was twenty-one, except two winters he was engaged in teaching school. His education, which he obtained at the common schools, was due to his own personal efforts; He has taught four terms of school, three of which were in the same district.

In 1855 he entered into company in a store at Cooper Center, but soon after purchased his partner's interest and run the store alone for two years. After their marriage in the spring of 1857 they moved onto a farm he had purchased in Cooper, this he carried on until the spring of 1861; then engaged in mercantile business there until 1866, having also charge of the postoffice; then removed his stock of goods to Plainwell and in company with a young man by the name of Monroe, continued the business four years, then sold out. Since

then his business in connection with the office of notary public, which he has held over twenty years, is conveying real estate and insurance. When he lived in Cooper he was elected township clerk and treasurer, justice of the peace and school inspector. Since his residence has been in Plainwell he has held the office of justice of the peace four years and president of the village two years. They have one daughter.

MARY CLEMENTINE WOODARD, who was born the 30th day of January, 1859, her parents residing at the time on a farm a mile and a half west of Cooper Center, Kalamazoo county, Michigan.

When she was about two years of age her father moved to Cooper Center, where he put up a store, and when she was nearly five years of age began school life at the district school a half mile north of her home. Some two years later her parents moved to Plainwell, Allegan, County, where she resumed school and afterward completed the full course of the high schools, graduating at the age of sixteen. The first of January, 1876, she began an attendance at Kalamazoo Baptist College, where she graduated in June, 1880, with the degree of Bachelor of Philosophy, given those completing the Latin and scientific course. She always stood well in her classes and was said to be a leader in mathematics. In 1885 Kalamazoo gave her the honorary degree of Master of Philosophy. August 17th, 1880, a few friends were invited to a quiet wedding at her home in Plainwell, when Rev. L. G. Marsh, pronounced the wedding ceremony that united her in marriage with CHARLES W. BARBER, who was born in Quincy, Branch county, Mich., July 14th, 1854. He lived with his parents on the farm upon which he was born until he was eighteen years of age. During the time he attended the district school as much as was consistent with

his duties as a farmer's son, and also gave some attention to the study of both vocal and instrumental music. At the age of fifteen he was converted and united with the Baptist Church in Quincy, of which his parents were members. About a year later he received what he recognized as a call to the gospel ministry. When eighteen he began a course of study in the Quincy High School; but believing that he could make greater progress elsewhere, remained only one year and then resumed his studies at Kalamazoo College. Six years were consumed in preparing for college, and in completing the college course proper, so that he graduated in 1879 with the full classical degree of A. B. During his college course he received some special honors. He was twice made president of the literary society to which he belonged, and in his senior year was chosen to represent his college in an interstate oratorical contest in which the colleges of Michigan were engaged. In this contest he was awarded the first prize and thus secured the honors to his college. In the fall of 1879 he entered upon a course of study in the Union Theological Seminary at Chicago, Ill. During the summer vacation of 1880 he supplied the Baptist church in Orland, Ind. After his marriage in August, he returned with his wife to Chicago at the opening of the school year. The following summer he was employed by the Fourth Baptist Church of Chicago to assist them in their city mission work. In the closing year of his Theological study he represented his seminary by an address at a union meeting of the theological seminaries of the city. He graduated in 1882 with the degree of B. D. The following September he settled as pastor of the Baptist Church, in Fenton, Mich., where he remained in a very successful work until July, 1890. He then resigned and a few weeks later took charge of the First Baptist

Church in Battle Creek, Mich., at which place he is now laboring.

In 1885 he received the degree of A. M. from his Alma Mater. In his pastoral work he has been richly blessed, and the most of the time has had a place on some of the State Boards of the Baptist Denomination. He is at present the Recording Secretary of the Baptist Ministers Aid Society of Ohio, Indiana, Michigan, Illinois and Wisconsin; a member of the Board of Kalamazoo College and Ministerial Education; and under appointment to preach the annual sermon at the next meeting of the Baptist State Convention. While their home was in Chicago Mrs. Barber studied with her husband and attended all the recitations and lectures at the Seminary during the remaining years of his course. At the age of sixteen, on profession of faith, she joined the Presbyterian Church of Plainwell, but not feeling entirely satisfied with her baptism and after studying more and learning more of Baptist usages she determined to change, her removal to Chicago afforded the opportunity, and in December, 1880, was buried in baptism at the hands of Rev. Dr. Lorimer of the First Baptist Church of Chicago. In 1882 the Woman's Baptist Foreign Missionary Society organized a course in Bible and Doctrinal study by *correspondence* for young women, preparing for work in foreign fields. Mrs. Barber was asked to assist in this movement; two years later was made Director, and had entire charge of the work: the first and perhaps only similar course conducted entirely by a woman. Her students reside in all parts of the land, and a score or more of graduates are at work in Japan, China, India and at home. While conducting this correspondence she has always worked side by side with her husband in his pastoral work, leading in woman's work and assisting in all departments of church activity. They have two

children, MABEL CLEMM BARBER, born in Fenton, Genesee county, Mich., January 26th, 1884; ETHEL MAY BARBER, born December 4th, 1888, in Fenton, Genesee county, Mich.



10th. SUSAN STRATTON was born in Franklin, Portage Co., Ohio, December 30, 1840. All through the years of her childhood and youth she was a constant member of her father's home, except what little time she was in Twinsburg attending select school. Being so long under her mother's instruction, she had opportunity of learning many useful lessons in life, and saw in the example before her a practical illustration of industry, perseverance, self-denial and economy, which were all practiced by her mother to the very close of life. She was married at her parents' home in Franklin May 24th, 1863, to SELAH W. BURT, who was born in Franklin township, Portage county, Ohio, June 15th, 1835. His father was one of the early settlers in the township, having arrived in 1821. He was raised on the farm which occupation he has ever followed. Received a common school education with three terms at Hiram Institute which was followed by a commercial course in Cleveland. His first wife, Sarah A. Stowe, died April 29th, 1862. After his second marriage they moved onto his father's farm which he was then working. They afterward bought a farm of ninety acres, just north of Kent, on which they built a house, which has been their home until recently they moved into his father's house in Kent, where they at present reside. Besides other farm work they have been considerably engaged in dairying. He has served as Township Trustee, with the exception of one year

for sixteen consecutive years. They have one daughter. CORA MAY BURT was born in Franklin, Portage county, Ohio, May 22d, 1866. She graduated from Kent High School when she was seventeen years old, has never lived away from her father's home any length of time until since her marriage which occurred at her father's home in Kent, September 28th, 1887, to FRANK C. GREEN, who was born in Medina, Medina county, Ohio, October 9th, 1865. His father has long been engaged in railroading, being an engineer. They lived in Medina about a year after his birth; then resided in several places before they found a home in Galion, Ohio, where they remained until 1880; then moved to Kent, Ohio, where they resided a few years, then he accompanied his parents to Chicago, Ill., where he lived at the time of their marriage, after which they went there to live about a year, then moved to Cleveland, Ohio, where they began housekeeping, and after a short stay there his business as railroad engineer called him to various places, until June, 1890, he finally settled in Kent, Ohio, where they now reside. He is there engaged as engineer in the city water-works. His education was principally obtained at Kent Union Schools with a course at Business College at Akron, Ohio.



11th. JOSEPH B. W. STRATTON was born in Franklin, Portage county, Ohio, October 22d, 1842. There does not appear to be anything more eventful in his early life on the farm than that of farmer boys in general; each year seemed but a repetition of the preceding one except that he was becoming older and could assist more in the work on the farm. The old school-house too was a

familiar object then, and is closely associated with other scenes in his youthful days. It was there, when a little fellow, he once showed to the whole school his great displeasure of being publicly reprimanded by his teacher, by "spurring up" and kicking his masters "shins" quite vigorously. After he became of age he remained with his father two years working the farm on shares. He was married February 26th, 1865, by "justice of the peace" James D. Haymaker at his home near Earlville, Ohio, to EUPHEMIA A. THOMPSON, who was born September 10th, 1847, in Streetsboro, Portage county, Ohio, where she lived until her marriage, assisting in the home work and attending the district school. The summer after their marriage he worked his father's farm with not very satisfactory results as the figures showed his share of the profits to be the small sum of five dollars. In the autumn he moved to Michigan and during the following winter purchased a farm of fifty-three acres in the south-east part of Richland where he lived, and worked his place until the spring of 1871, then sold his farm for \$3,000 and moved into south-western Missouri and bought a farm of 130 acres on which he lived until the fall of 1878 then sold out and returned to Michigan. In the following spring he settled on a farm of fifty acres in Otsego township, Allegan county, where they have since resided.

In the spring of 1887 he purchased an adjoining piece of eighty acres of timbered land and has since been engaged in cutting and hauling the timber to market, besides his other farm work. They have four children.

ALBERT T. STRATTON was born in Richland, Kalamazoo county, Mich., May 5th, 1867, besides attending the district school he attended the Union school at Otsego several terms. He still makes his home with his father and helps him in the farm work.

HARRY S. STRATTON was born in Richland, Kalamazoo county, Mich., July 7th, 1870. He is at present attending school in Otsego.

JESSIE MARY STRATTON was born November 25th, 1880, in Ostega, Allegan county, Mich.

RUTH HAZEL STATTON, born in Ostego, Allegan County, Mich., November 29th, 1885.



12th. CLARISSA C. STRATTON was born in Franklin, Portage county, Ohio, July 2d, 1848. From her "home on the hill" she accompanied her parents in their removal to the "cottage house" and afterward into the new house across the way. She was one of the pupils at Earlville school for several terms, then attended school in Kent about a year and a half. She was married at her father's home in Franklin, Ohio, October 3d, 1866, to LEVI REED, who was born in Franklin township, Portage county, Ohio, September 8th, 1841. He was brought up on the farm, received a limited education at district school which, with a term in Commercial Department at Oberlin College, completed his school days. After becoming of age he worked out some by the month on the farm. February 16th, 1865, he enlisted at Cleveland, Ohio, to serve one year in the army, was assigned a place in Company I, 188th Regiment, O. V. I.; went into camp at Camp Chase, Columbus, Ohio, where he remained some three weeks; then went to Nashville, Tenn., was there two weeks; then moved on to Tullahoma and Morfreesboro, where they remained some three months. It being near the close of the war, they were not engaged in active service, but served prin-



cipally in guard duty. Some eight weeks he acted as train guard on the Nashville & Louisville R. R.; was mustered out of service at Nashville, where he received his discharge, dated September 21st, 1865. Upon his return home he attended the Oberlin school; then worked out the following summer. After his marriage rented his father Stratton's farm which he worked three years; then moved to Kent and worked in railroad machine shops three years; then began dealing in coal, in which business he was joined by his brother, and from that they went into the grocery business, also running hacks. They finally dissolved partership; he then engaged in the livery business in Kent which he still follows. Although suffering a severe loss by fire at one time, he soon resumed business and so managed that he now has a larger business than ever. They have had five children.

WILSON W. REED was born in Franklin township, Portage county, Ohio, November 21st, 1867. Lived with his parents until after marriage. Attended school in Kent; then began the study of dentistry there, and afterward attended the Ohio College of Dental Surgery at Cincinnati, where he graduated March 2d, 1887; then returned to Kent and opened an office. Besides his dental work he has been engaged in clerking and book-keeping for his father-in-law who runs a large dining hall in the railroad depot in Kent. October 24th, 1888, he was married in Kent, Ohio, to MINNIE A. MUSSER, who was born March 9th, 1869. She obtained her education principally in the schools of Wooster and Cleveland, Ohio. Has devoted considerable time in acquiring a knowledge of vocal and instrumental music. They have a home in Kent, where they have resided since their marriage.

LORENA R. REED was born in Franklin, Portage county, Ohio, April 10th, 1870. Obtained her education

in the Kent schools, while she yet remained with her parents. Was married on Christmas day, 1889, at her father's home in Kent, Ohio, and by Rev. Andrew Willson to HARRY L'HOMMEDIEU, who was born at Cuyahoga Falls, Summit county, Ohio, March 23d, 1864. His father being engaged in the grocery business there his son found a home with him, and attended school in the village until he was about seventeen; then helped his father about a year in the store; then went away to learn the machinists trade. They began housekeeping in Akron, Ohio, the first of April, 1890, where he has ever since been engaged working at his trade. They have two children, RUTH L'HOMMEDIEU, born in Akron, Ohio, July 13th, 1890. ELIZABETH L'HOMMEDIEU was born June 14th, 1891, in Akron, Summit county, Ohio.

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JOSEPH A. REED was born May 16th, 1876, died September 12th, 1876.

LEONA REED was born in Kent, Portage county, Ohio, March 13th, 1878.

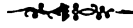
ROY RALPH REED was born October 30th, 1882, in Kent, Portage county, Ohio.





MARIAH OLIN-RICHARDS.

## DIVISION 9.



# Families and Descendants OF NANCY MARIAH OLIN.



NANCY MARIAH OLIN was born in Shaftsbury, Vermont, December 16th, 1805. Her early life seems but a repetition of the scenes and experiences the older ones passed through. She was taught the art of spinning and weaving as soon as she was old enough. Nine years being considered the age when girls should begin to learn to do such work. Being then too small to reach and turn the wheel, a raised plank was prepared for them to walk upon. As soon as her hands became strong enough she was taught to use the "cards," for fashioning the rolls for spinning. In the use of these implements she in time became very expert and but few could accomplish as much. She was sent for a time to the district school, but she must walk two miles over a rough and hilly road many times drifted full of snow to reach the school house, where but a few of the common English branches were taught. She was passed eighteen when she left the old Shaftsbury home and with her mother, brother and two younger sisters made the trip from Vermont to Perry, N. Y., traveling on foot from Rochester. Her mother having younger girls who could

help her in her house work, she was permitted to help herself by working out by the week, which she often did, yet always had a home at her fathers, until her marriage, which occurred on Christmas day, 1825, to DANIEL RICHARDS, who was also a native of Vermont, where he was born in 1801. At the time of their marriage he owned a 50-acre farm in Orangeville, Wyoming county, N. Y., where they moved the following spring. They remained on that farm a year or two, and then bought another of about the same size in the immediate neighborhood on which they lived but two or three years; then changed their place of residence again to a farm of about sixty acres near a place called Varysburg, which is in Orangeville township. One winter while he lived there he was engaged in cutting a quantity of timber, which he burned; then converted the ashes into potash. Such business paid about as well as anything he could engage in at the time. After one more move in that town, he sold out and moved into Crawford county, Penn., settling in a somewhat secluded place three miles back from the highway. They lived in that vicinity several years, all the time engaged in farming pursuits. In the spring of 1851 he sold out and moved with his family into the township of Sheffield, Ashtabula county, Ohio, onto a farm he purchased, and there resided until his death. In the autumn of 1854, while engaged in hauling corn stalks to his barn, in some manner he was thrown off the load and in falling struck upon a fork that had slipped off the load, the tine of which penetrated his body, and after thirty hours of intense suffering, he died October 17th, 1854. After her husband's death, she continued to live a few years longer upon the farm, but her youngest children becoming large enough to begin to help themselves, she finally broke up house-keeping for a time and lived with her sisters in Frank-

lin. She again returned to the old place where she lived a year or two longer; then after keeping house a few years longer in different places, she decided to make her home with her children and broke up housekeeping altogether, yet in doing so she did not cease from work. Accustomed to labor so long as she had been, to cease entirely was an impossibility. Her spinning-wheel was almost her constant companion for some years after, and in its use but very few women could accomplish as much. Her sixtieth birthday she celebrated at her sister, Ruth Stratton's at the spinning wheel and at the close of her day's labor, 100 knots of yarn told what she had done,—the usual work of three days she had accomplish in one. After her home was broken up she frequently made visits among her friends which at times were considerably prolonged while she assisted in some particular kind of work. Among the young people her visits were always a source of pleasure and a good time was generally expected when "Aunt Mariah" was present, for she was so "jolly and fun loving" her company was always acceptable. As she advanced in years the same disease that ended her mother's life seemed to affect her and increased in severity as the years went by. While at her daughter, Cynthia's in Sheffield, she was taken with pneumonia. Her lungs already weak and diseased, her system was unable to withstand its effect and death resulted after some eleven days of severe illness. She died January 11th, 1877, aged seventy-one years and twenty-five days. She was buried by the side of her husband in Sheffield cemetery. They had ten children.

1st. RUTH A. RICHARDS was born in Orangeville, now Wyoming county, N. Y., October 30th, 1826. Was about nine years old when her parents moved into Pennsylvania. Her opportunities for "schooling" were very poor as they

usually lived in a new country and a long distance from the school-house. She lived at home the greater part of the time until she was married, which event occurred July 17th, 1843, in Rockdale, Crawford county, Penn., to JOHN S. STURGIS, who was born August 27th, 1820, in Chautauqua county, N. Y., where he spent the greater part of his younger days working for his uncle who kept "Tavern." They began housekeeping in Pennsylvania near where they were married. About eight years after they moved into Sheffield, Ohio, and, after remaining there a time, moved into Windsor, the same county, where he worked for Ezra Olin in a saw-mill. After a year's absence they returned to Sheffield, where they remained until their removal to Michigan in 1865 and settled in Bengal, Clinton county, where they lived a number of years on a farm; then for a short time went to live in Harrison, Clare county, but returned to the farm in Bengal. Since the spring of 1887 their home has been in Riley township, Clinton county, on a farm. June 24th, 1889, Mr. Sturgis died very suddenly in his home and is buried in the cemetery at St. John's, Mich. They had nine children.

ELVIRA M. STURGIS was born in Rockdale, Crawford county, Penn., May 3d, 1846. During the time she remained at home, which was until her marriage, she did not neglect her education; was an attendant at the common schools and some of the time at select school in Kingsville, Ohio. She taught eight terms of school; five in Ohio, the rest in Michigan. Was married in St. John's, Mich., March 20th, 1867, to LEVI J. CALKINS, who was born September 11th, 1844, in Syracuse, N. Y. His parents left there when he was quite young and settled in Lorain county, Ohio. His father was engaged in the hardware business. He next removed to Lincoln township, Isabella county, Mich., when the country



there was quite new. He remained with his father until he was twenty-two years old. After his marriage he began farming in Isabella County. After remaining there for a time he removed into Clinton county, where he remained something over two years; then returned to Isabella county and engaged in farming again. About 1880 he entered into a general merchandise business in Harrison, the new county seat of Clare county, Mich., where he continued about ten years; then returned to farming near St. John's, Mich., where he at present resides. They have had seven children.

HATTIE E. CALKINS was born in the town of Lincoln, Isabella county, Mich., August 3d, 1869. Her education was obtained at the village schools. Lived in her father's home until her marriage, July 2d, 1887, to GEORGE E. CIMMERER, who was born December 14th, 1860, in Erie county, New York, where he lived five years; then his parents moved into Genesee county, Mich., and engaged in farming. He remained with his father and worked on the farm until he was about fifteen years old; then engaged as clerk in a store at Harrison, Mich., where he remained until the fall of 1889; then began work for himself there in the undertaking and furniture business.

JOHN C. CALKINS was born in Clare county, Mich., March 1st, 1871. In the spring of 1890 was living with his parents in Harrison, where he was engaged clerking in his father's store.

MAY CALKINS, born in the township of Bengal, Clinton county, Mich., February 14th, 1875; at the time this was written she was attending school in Harrison, where her parents were living.

FRANK L. CALKINS, born in Clare county, Mich., January 8th, 1877, died February 4th, 1877.

**HARRISON CALKINS** was born in the town of Harrison, Clare county, Mich., April 9th, 1880.

**FLOYD CALKINS** was born August 4th, 1882, in Harrison, Mich.

**ARCHIE CALKINS** was born February 15th, 1885, in Harrison, Clare county, Mich.

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**PHILIP R. STURGIS** was born in Rockdale, Crawford county, Penn., May 3d, 1848. His father was engaged in farming the most of the time that he remained with him, which was until he was twenty-one. Was educated at the common schools in the vicinity of his parents' home. August 29th, 1869, was married to **AMELIA S. SWAGERT** at her parents home in Bengal, Clinton county, Mich. Her father moved into the township when there were but four people living there. He was a farmer and lived on his farm which was her home until her marriage. She obtained a fair education at the common school in the neighborhood. After their marriage they remained with her people for a time then purchased a part of the homestead on which they lived about nine years. In April, 1886, they moved into St. John's, the county seat, where they have a home in which they reside. They have four children.

**ERNEST E. STURGIS** was born in Bengal, Clinton county, Mich., May 26th, 1871. In the spring of 1890 he was still living with his father and when not engaged at home was working out for others.

**WILLIE J. STURGIS** was born May 12th, 1873, in Bengal township, Michigan, was attending school in St. Johns when these notes were taken.

**ADAH LOIS STURGIS** was born in Bengal, Clinton county, Mich., December 3d, 1878.

IVA LOUESA STURGIS was born January 29th, 1882, in the township of Bengal, Clinton county, Mich.

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HARRIET A. STURGIS was born in Windsor, Ash-tabula county, Ohio, August 2d, 1850. When about four years old her parents moved to Sheffield, Ohio, where they resided on different places until she was about fifteen years old, when they moved to the town of Bengal, Mich., where she lived with them until her marriage, which took place there April 22d, 1866, to LAFAYETTE WELLS, who was born in Newport, Herkimer county, N. Y., October 31st, 1837. He was raised on his father's farm where he remained until he became of age; he worked considerably in a saw-mill that was on his father's farm until he was about twenty-six years old; then went to Plymouth, Ohio, where his father had moved some time before and settled on a farm; this he worked for his father two years. After their marriage they moved to Iowa where they lived three years; then returned to Plymouth, Ohio, and remained with his father some two years; then went to Michigan where they bought a farm of sixty acres in the township of Bengal, which they worked eleven years; then selling out returned to the north-east part of Plymouth, Ash-tabula county, Ohio, and purchased a farm of fifty-four acres on which they have since resided. They had one son, JOHN P. WELLS, born in Plymouth, Ohio, April 30th, 1870, died September 14th, 1870, was buried in Plymouth.

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JOHN CORWIN STURGIS was born October 12th, 1851, in Windsor, Ashtabula County, Ohio. Received a common school education. Remained with his father

on the farm until he was nineteen years old; then purchased an eighty-acre farm in the south-west part of Bengal township, Mich.; his farm being quite new, his work upon it has been to clear and improve. Was married October 12th, 1870, in St. John's, Mich., to SOPHRONIA ELDRIDGE, who was born May 25th, 1849, in Essex, Clinton County, Mich. After their marriage they moved onto their farm to which he has since added more land and built good and substantial buildings. They have three children.

LUCINE STURGIS, born in the township of Bengal, Clinton County, Mich., January 9th, 1873.

LILLY ANN STURGIS was born February 7th, 1875, in Bengal, Mich.

PERRY J. STURGIS, born May 27th, 1879, in Bengal, Clinton Co., Mich.

DAVID STURGIS was born in Sheffield, Ashtabula County, Ohio, January 15th, 1855. He remained in his parents' home until he became of age. His time being principally occupied in laboring upon the farm. Was married in St. John's, Clinton County, Mich., November 30th, 1876, to ELLA ELLIS, who was born August 6th, 1855, in Franklin, Clinton County, Mich. Continued to live in her father's home until she had one of her own to move into, which was on a farm of forty acres in the township of Bengal, where they have since been engaged in working their place. They have had eight children.

HENRY STURGIS, born in Bengal, Mich, December 30th, 1877, died January 20th, 1881.

EVA STURGIS, born June 9th, 1879, in Bengal, Clinton county, died January 25th, 1881

MYRTIE STURGIS, born in Bengal, Mich., February 22d, 1881.

WILLIE STURGIS, born January 3d, 1883, in Bengal, Mich.

CORWIN STURGIS, born in Bengal, Mich., January 15th, 1885.

BERTHA BELL STURGIS was born in Bengal township, Mich., May 7th, 1886.

RUTH STURGIS was born in Bengal, Clinton county, Mich., March 11th, 1888.

PHÈBE STURGIS was born in Bengal, October 21st, 1889, died February 25th, 1890, was buried by the side of her brother and sister in cemetery in Bengal township.

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DANIEL R. STURGIS was born in Sheffield township, Ashtabula county, Ohio, June 30th, 1857. He lived in the vicinity of his birth some eight years before his parents moved to Michigan and settled in the township of Bengal, Clinton county, where he lived with his parents until his marriage. In his younger days he helped his father on the farm until he was past twenty-one. Besides the common school he attended one term of high school at Ovid, was married December 10th, 1878, in St. Johns Mich., to AMELIA ANN DEANE. She was born February 5th, 1858, in Bengal, Clinton county, Mich. Her parents were among the early settlers of the township where they resided, bringing up their family on the farm. Her school privileges did not extend beyond the district school.

They now live on a good farm he owns in Bengal, which is well stocked and on which are good buildings. They have four children.

FREDERIC L. STURGIS was born in the township of Bengal, Clinton county, Mich., June 26th, 1880.

MARY E. STURGIS was born in Bengal, Mich., September 3d, 1882.

EZRA STURGIS was born February 13th, 1886, in Bengal, Mich.

ALVIRA STURGIS was born in Bengal, Clinton county, Mich., November 25th, 1887.

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PERRY STURGIS was born in Sheffield, Ashtabula county, Ohio, July 23d, 1860. When five years old his parents moved into Bengal, Clinton county, Mich., where he remained with them upon the farm until he was eighteen years of age. He attended the schools near his home until he was fifteen, then attended at Ovid Union School, also at St. Johns. When eighteen he began to work for himself, assisted his father in the store in Harrison. Was married in Grand Rapids, Mich., October 3d, 1881, to EDITH DuBOIS, who was born in Ohio, January 20th, 1862. After their marriage they moved to Harrison, and afterward into the township of Hatton where he became interested in farming as he owned some new land there. Has not been as successful in his farming operations as he would desire. For several years has been in poor health caused by fever and rheumatism. Has held the office of supervisor of Hatton, also that of justice of the peace. They have four children.

EDNA L. STURGIS was born in St. Johns, Clinton county, Michigan, January 3d, 1883.

HARRIET M. STURGIS was born in Grand Rapids, Mich., December 18th, 1884.

GLENN L. STURGIS was born in Harrison, Clare county, Mich., April 27th, 1887.

NELLIE C. STURGIS was born December 17th, 1889, in Harrison, Clare county, Mich.

**RUTH L. STURGES** was born in Sheffield, Ohio, October 6th, 1864. The year after her birth her parents moved into the township of Bengal, in Michigan, where the greater part of her early life was passed. Was married in Harrison, Clare county, Mich., October 18th, 1881, to **WILMER J. CURTIS**, whose native place is St. Johns, Mich., was born May 11th, 1857. Attended school in St. Johns and afterward medical college at Ann Arbor, Mich., two terms. Was engaged in the drug business a few years in Michigan before going in 1886 to Hillsvew, Dakota, where he engaged in farming, but not being very successful they returned a few years after to St. Johns, Mich. They have had five children.

**JESSE LEO CURTIS** was born November 10th, 1882, in Ann Arbor, Mich, Died April 9th, 1883, and buried in Harrison, Mich.

**VERE L. CURTIS** was born in Harrison, Mich., March 5th, 1884, died July 22d, 1884, in Harrison, Mich.

**DEYO E. CURTIS**, born in Cedar Springs, Mich., April 29th, 1885.

**JET D. CURTIS**, born May 22d, 1888, in Hillsvew, South Dakota.

**DARF L. CURTIS** was born in Hillsvew, South Dakota, September 9th, 1890.

**FREDERICK STURGIS** was born in Bengal, Clinton county, Mich., March 20th, 1867. Until he was about nineteen years old he remained with his parents on the farm. Had the benefit of the schools in Bengal, Harrison and St. Johns, Mich. Was married November 24th, 1885, in St. Johns, Mich., to **CORA B. KIMBALL**, who was born and raised in the town of Bengal, Clin-

ton county, Mich. They began housekeeping on a farm in Bengal, where they remained about a year; then moved into Riley Township, same county, onto a small farm where they are at present residing. They have two children.

JOHN VERNON STURGIS was born in Riley, Clinton county, Mich., February 2d, 1888.

RAY LEWIS STURGIS was born in Riley, Mich., March 1st, 1890.



2D. ELIZABETH RICHARDS was born in Orangeville, now Wyoming county, New York, March 11th, 1828. Her education was obtained at the district school and was quite limited at that. She lived with her parents until she was nearly fourteen years old; then left her home in Crawford county, Penn., and went into Portage county, Ohio, with her uncle Arvin Olin, who had been to York State with a load of clover seed. Upon her arrival there she made her home for a few months with her aunt Mary Ann, and then after a stay of a few months with her cousin, Mrs. Sophia Pease of Streetsboro, she returned to her parents' home in Pennsylvania. After visiting a few months she returned to Mr. Pease's, in Streetsboro, where she remained until her marriage, which occurred in Mercer county, Penn., February 5th, 1845, to CHARLES STEELE, who was born May 16th, 1824, in New Haven, Huron county, Ohio. His father was a blacksmith by trade. He remained in his native town until he was nine years old; then the family moved to Florence, same county, which place was his home for a number of years. He received but a rather limited education, his father taking him into the shop as



an assistant when he was but fourteen years old. Two years before he was of age his father sold his shop and bought a farm, which he helped to cultivate until he became of age and began business for himself. After his marriage they lived three years in Pennsylvania; then moved to Erie county, Ohio, where he remained for a time. The first six years he worked for himself he was engaged in farming, then for about seven years was engaged as engineer in grist-mill in Hudson, Mich. After which he worked one year in a saw-mill near the same place; then on August 5th, 1862, he enlisted in Company A, 18th. Michigan Infantry, to serve three years or during the war. Went into camp at Hillsdale, Mich., and then to Cincinnati, Ohio, and from there on to Lexington, Ky. April 23d, 1863, he was discharged from the service for injuries received from being kicked by a horse. After a stay of one year in Indianapolis, Ind., they moved in the fall of 1865 to Decatur, Mich., where they have resided ever since, and where for several years he was engaged in the stone mason work a good share of the time; this he finally gave up on account of failing health and turned his attention to the cultivation of small fruits in which he is still engaged. They own a small place in the village of Decatur, Mich. They have had four children.

CAROLINE A. STEELE was born in Rockdale, Crawford county, Penn., May 27th, 1846. Died September 6th, 1847.

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GEORGE A. STEELE was born June 10th, 1848, in Brownhelm now Erie county, Ohio. He remained at home with his parents until he entered the army. His education was principally obtained at the district schools, but was an attendant a short time at a select school.

He enlisted May 2d, 1864, in the 130th Ohio Infantry

for one hundred days, began service at Johnson's Island where for fifteen days they acted as guard over the rebel prisoners imprisoned there. They were then ordered to Bermuda Hundred on the James River. Were a guard at the Pontoon Bridge across the Appomattox River at the time of springing the mine at Petersburg, Va., participated in several skirmishes, one of which was at Dutch Gap. Was taken sick while in service and was sent to the hospital for six weeks, was mustered out of service at Baltimore, Md, September 22d, 1864. Re-enlisted March 8th, 1865, in the 11th Indiana Infantry to serve three years or during the war; his second service consisted entirely of garrison duty, was again discharged at Baltimore, Md., July 26th, 1865. Then went to Decatur, Mich., where he has resided nearly ever since. Was married in Silver Creek, Mich., September 27th, 1870, to ELIZA H. STANTON. She died June 22d, 1879, she had two children.

ANNA STEELE was born in Bangor, Mich, in July, 1873, died Sept. 6th, 1873.

CHARLES STEELE was born in Decatur, Mich., March 27th. 1878, died in September, 1878.

He was married again, July 25th, 1880, in Keeler, Mich., to FLORENCE B. GATES, who was born June 19th, 1862, in Decatur, Van Buren county, Mich. Her father was in the army during the late war and was killed there. She was eighteen months old when she was given to a family by the name of Laylin who lived in the township of Glenwood, Cass county, Mich., where she lived until she was married. She received a common school education. Though never receiving any special training she possessed a strong musical voice. They have two children.

EDITH M. STEELE, born in Decatur, Van Buren county, Mich., March 17<sup>th</sup> 1881.

LULA M. STEELE, born November 7th, 1884, in Decatur, Mich.

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DANIEL A. STEELE was born in Wakeman, Huron county, Ohio, November 10th, 1849. He lived with his parents until he was about fifteen years old then began working out from home, which he continued to do until he began business for himself. Received his education at the common schools. Was married in Lagrange, Mich., May 20th 1877, to MARTHA EDICK, who was born in Algonquin, Ill., July 27th, 18-5. In the autumn of 1877 they moved into Kalkaskia county, Mich., where they have since remained, engaged in farming in that new country. Has held the office of justice of the peace for several years.

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WILLIAM H. STEELE was born in Milan, Huron County, Ohio, November 16th, 1851. Was with his parents in the different places they resided in until after they removed to Decatur, Mich., where he remained with them until he was fifteen years old; then began "taking care of himself." He first engaged in work on the railroad, near Michigan City; then engaged at work in furnace at Bangor. Was first married in the village of Augusta, Kalamazoo County, Mich., to Eunace Olin, January 1st, 1874. Had one son, Freddie Steele, born in Augusta, Mich., September 19th, 1875, and died June 9th, 1876. He was married again in the township of Coldspring, Kalkaskia County, Mich., November 24th, 1878, to HELEN PARRISH, who was born in the township of Decatur, Van Buren County, Mich., June 14th, 1860. She lived in the place of her birth about two years, when her parent moved to Buchanan, Mich.,

where they remained two years. Her father having enlisted in the army, at that time returned home severely wounded, lived but two weeks. She then returned with her mother to Decatur and remained with her grandfather Stanton about two years, when her mother bought a small place in Kendallville, Mich., where her mother, herself and brother made their home until the winter that she was ten years old, when her mother died. She was then provided with a home in the family of a well-to-do farmer, where she remained until she was sixteen; then engaged in work for a family in La Grange, Mich., where she remained until the fall that she was married. Having already a homestead in Kalkaskia County, Mich., they made their residence there immediately after their marriage. Their home was in the woods, some four miles from any neighbor. They remained there three years clearing and improving his land; then bought a piece of forty acres some eight miles distant, where they moved and have since resided. He has purchased eighty acres of land three miles from where they live and has been engaged in clearing it, and thinks he has learned the trade of "rail splitter" to perfection, since he has been living in the woods of northern Michigan. He has found time to serve his township some three terms as justice of the peace, besides other offices. Has had some lively experiences with the wild animals upthere, one of which will do to relate. One afternoon he took his gun and dog and started out to hunt some partridges. His wife, thinking she might find some berries, went along with him, and after some time spent in fruitless search, were returning and had nearly reached home when they discovered a few berries on the edge of the swamp by the side of the road; after crossing a ditch by the roadside he was busily engaged in picking berries, when his wife, who was but a few rods from him, called to know

what it was in the road, near her. Upon looking, he saw a large bear and at once called his dog to "take him," which he did, chasing the bear into the swamp a few rods; then it turned and chased the dog back, coming out directly where they were standing. Upon this he gave the bear the contents of his gun which was loaded with bird shot. This the bear seemed to consider an insult and started off into the swamp again. The dog, however, was still busy with the young bears which were approaching rapidly. His gun being empty, he called upon his wife to help him reload and in the hurry and excitement the powder was poured out by the handful, also the fine shot, and when it was loaded, a cub, pursued by the dog, had taken to a tree. It took but a moment to get in position to give it the contents of the gun, which this time resulted disastrously to man and gun, and fortunately for the bear. After the smoke had cleared away and the dust settled, it was discovered that the gun barrel was split down some eight inches and the hunter had received a terrible kicking, while the bear, well, it had gone off into the swamp laughing at the idea of being killed with bird shot.



3D. PHILIP RICHARDS. The date of his birth is uncertain as the old family records were lost; he was born in Orangeville, N. Y., probably in the year, 1830, died when about four years old.



4TH. HARRIET RICHARDS was born February 18th, 1832, in Orangeville, Wyoming County, N. Y., was very young when her parents moved into Chautauqua

County, same state, where they resided for a time; then moved into Pennsylvania, where she lived with her parents until she was about eighteen years old, then went to Franklin, Ohio, where she lived with her Aunt Mary Ann and other friends for a time; then returned to her home in Pennsylvania, and was married in Albion, same state, October 2d, 1851 to HORACE B. OLIN, who was born in Shaftsbury, Vt., February 16, 1818. He was the youngest in a family of nine children, and the son of Henry Olin and Silence (Green) Olin. His father was a younger brother of Ezra Olin, Sr., and moved to Perry, N. Y., when his son, Horace was about five years old. After residing there about five years, the family moved into the northeast part of Plymouth, Ashtabula County, Ohio, where the family remained ever after. He was brought up on the farm, which occupation he continued to follow; while engaged in building a new house for himself, he was helping in shingling the roof when in some way fell to the ground receiving such injuries that he lived but three hours afterward. He died December 10th, 1861; was buried in Plymouth. Since his death his family has continued to live on the farm ever since. The boys have added forty acres more to the place which they work, and care for their mother, who has been an invalid and cripple for several years; through all her suffering from inflammatory rheumatism she maintains a cheerful spirit and makes her home bright and pleasant with the sunshine of her presence. They were the parents of five children.

HENRY R. OLIN was born in the township of Plymouth, Ashtabula County, Ohio, February 25th, 1852, was quite young at the time of his father's death, but as soon as he was old enough, the cares of the farm seemed to rest upon him. He attended the common schools of his

district and obtained a fair education. Worked some thirteen summers before he was married at stone work; bridge building mostly. Was married July 1st, 1883, in Sheffield, Ohio, to DORA L. SQUIRES, who was born January 20th, 1865, in the township of Jefferson, Ashtabula County, Ohio. Her parents were farmers and lived there until she was about eight years old when she went to Iowa to live with an aunt until she was eighteen, then returned to her father's home then in Kingsville, Ohio. Since their marriage they have lived on his mother's place which he has continued to work. They have one son, WALTER CURTIS OLIN, born in Plymouth, Ashtabula County, Ohio, May 16th, 1889.

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HORACE D. OLIN was born in Plymouth, Ashtabula County, Ohio, March 2d, 1854. While the other boys were away from home at work he remained and carried on the farm; has never been away from home to engage in work but a month or two at a time. He has been and is still faithful to his invalid mother.

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HIRAM G. OLIN was born in Plymouth, Ohio, June 25th, 1856. During his early years he remained at his mother's home, but when old enough was working out a large part of the time. Was married May 12th, 1882, in Sheffield, Ohio, to JENNIE A. HAMILL, who was born in North-East, Erie County, Penn., November 30th, 1862. Her father was a railroad employe. Was eleven years old when her family moved to Ashtabula, and from there out onto a farm where they remained some eight years. After their marriage they moved onto a farm they had purchased in Plymouth, where they remained some five

years. They next rented a farm in **Kingsville** township on which they lived and worked two years, then removed into the village of Kingsville, in the spring of 1889, where they bought a place on which they are living. He is engaged in teaming, and in the summer season works at stone mason trade in bridge building principally. They have two children.

MAUDE ELLEN OLIN, born in Plymouth township, Ashtabula County, Ohio, May, 15th, 1883.

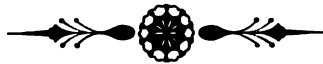
HARRY E. OLIN, born in Plymouth, Ohio, February 11th, 1885.

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SILENCE R. OLIN was born in Plymouth, Ohio, May 4th, 1859. Died March 30th, 1861, was buried in Plymouth.

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HARRIET ALMEDA OLIN was born in Plymouth, Ashtabula County, Ohio, March 7th, 1862. Has always lived at home with her mother. For several years her health was very poor, but improved as she became older. The cares of the home seem to rest upon her now that her mother is so poorly yet she is true to the trust, and her presence seems indispensable in the home.



5th. ALMIRA L. RICHARDS was born in the town of Orangeville, Wyoming County, N. Y., February 3d, 1834. Her parents soon after her birth moved to Crawford County, Penn., and there she attended the district school. Her parents were still living there when she went to the township of Townsend, Huron County, Ohio,



to live with an older sister; had been with her about a year when she was married there April 24th, 1851, to WILLIAM H. WASHBURN, who was born June 1st, 1822, in the state of New York. Was raised a farmer and went to Townsend, Ohio, when he was about eighteen years old. For a number of years he followed farming there by renting farms. He worked about fifteen years in a factory at Oxford, Chenango County, N.Y., making hoes. Some six years before his death he returned to Florence, Erie County, Ohio, where he died January 12th, 1873, and was buried there. She was married the second time in Norwalk, Huron County, Ohio, October 8th, 1879, to BURTON H. FRENCH, who was born April 5th, 1824, in Wakeman, Huron County, Ohio, which place has been his home the greater part of his life. When he was fourteen years old he began learning the carpenter's trade of his father and has worked at that trade the greater part of the time since. It called him to Cleveland, where he lived some six years and then to Chicago where he remained a year and a half. Much of the time he has worked in the vicinity of his home. They have a small farm in the south part of Wakeman township which they rent. Their home has been in the village of Wakeman where they have resided since their marriage. Almira L. and Wm. H. Washburn were the parents of four children.

ADELBERT E. WASHBURN was born in Townsend, Huron County, Ohio, June 3d, 1853. Received a common school education. Remained at home until he was about twenty-seven years old. Has a family of three children and is living in the state of New York.

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SARAH J. WASHBURN was born in Oxford, Chenango County, New York, May 28th, 1858. She remained

with her mother until her marriage which occurred May 24th, 1873, in Florence Erie County, Ohio, to GEORGE W. SNYDER, who was born September 12th, 1854, in Ashland, Ashland County, Ohio. His father was a miller by trade. Soon after his birth, his father moved his family to Troy, same county, where they lived until he was eight years old, then moved to New London, Huron county, at which place and vicinity he remained until he was married. Since then they have lived in several different places in the vicinity of Wakeman, Huron County, which place for the past eight years has been their home. He works by the day at whatever and wherever opportunity offers. They have two children.

EDNA MAY SNYDER was born October 31st, 1876, in Wakeman, Huron County, Ohio.

FRANKLIN H. SNYDER was born in Wakeman, Ohio, August 27th, 1880.

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MINNIE A. WASHBURN was born April 24th, 1862, in Oxford, N. Y., died January 9th, 1865 and buried near the place of her birth.

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GERTRUDE B. WASHBURN was born in Oxford, Chenango County, New York, December 31st, 1865. Her home until her marriage was with her mother, in whose home she was married November 7th, 1888, to FRANCIS ACERS, who was born in the township of Florence, Erie County, Ohio, January 4th, 1866. He was raised on the farm. After their marriage they moved onto a small farm of their own in Florence, which they are now engaged in tilling.

6th. PARIS O. RICHARDS was born in Evansburg, Crawford County Penn., October 25th, 1835. Was with his parents when they moved into Ashtabula County, Ohio, and was living with them when his father was fatally hurt and died. The winter after that sad event he went to Perry, N. Y., and lived with his uncle Paris Olin for a time. Then after his return to his mother's home, he went to Michigan in 1857, and there worked on a farm one year; again returned to Ohio and worked on the county farm in Kingsville nearly a year. Was married September 24th, 1859, to ELIZABETH LOCKWOOD, who lived at the time in Kingsville, Ohio. She was born in the state of New York, in 1825. After their marriage they lived in Sheffield, Ohio, until March 17th, 1860, then moved to Springfield, Erie County, Penn., where his home has been ever since. The first year after his arrival there he rented a farm and worked it one year, then commenced working at the carpenter's trade, and has followed it ever since, with the exception of three years, 1874-'5-'6 on account of his wife's health he rented a farm near Springfield, and worked upon it. At times he does quite an extensive business in the line of his trade, taking contracts and hiring men to do the work. His business frequently calls him into other counties where he has large jobs of work to do. His wife, Elizabeth Richards, died July 15th, 1861. They were the parents of one daughter, IDA J. RICHARDS who was born in Springfield, Pennsylvania, July 15th, 1861. She was married in Springfield Pennsylvania, October 13th, 1883, to ALFRED KELLOGG who was born in Platea, Erie County, Pennsylvania, March 14th, 1857. After their marriage they lived a great part of the time in Springfield, Pennsylvania. Were living in Plymouth, Ohio, about six months. At the time of her death their home was in Springfield, but was staying in

Erie, Pennsylvania, where she died September 3d, 1889. Was buried in Springfield cemetery. She left four children.

DELLA KELLOGG was born in Springfield, Erie County, Pennsylvania, September 21st, 1884.

ELLA KELLOGG was born in Springfield, Pennsylvania, August 9th, 1886.

CORA KELLOGG was born in Springfield, Pennsylvania, February 20th, 1888.

WILLARD KELLOGG was born April 23d, 1889, in Springfield, Erie County, Pennsylvania.

PARIS O. RICHARDS was married the second time, October 24th, 1861, in Springfield, Pennsylvania, to SARAH PHILLIPS, who was born April 12th, 1837, in Springfield, Pennsylvania, where she always lived. She died June 28th, 1880, and was buried in Springfield. She was the mother of five children.

GEORGE A. RICHARDS was born in Springfield, Erie County, Pennsylvania, March 13th, 1863. He attended school in Springfield, where he lived with his father until he was married. Has worked with his father and learned the carpenter's trade, was married in Brockton, New York, October 31st, 1885, to HATTIE JOLES who was born March 9th, 1865, in Lockport, Pennsylvania, where her parents resided until she was fourteen then removed to Mills Grove on the shore of Lake Erie, where she resided until her marriage. Since then they have lived in Springfield, Pennsylvania, near his father's and worked at his trade with him.

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LOTTIE A. RICHARDS was born in Springfield, Pennsylvania, September 9th, 1864. She attended, as also did the rest of her father's children, the graded schools of Springfield, and attained a good education. She was

married at her father's home in Springfield, Pennsylvania, December 25th, 1883, to JAMES HILLS who was born February 28th, 1856, in East Springfield, Pennsylvania. After finishing his school there he clerked in his father's hardware store. Before his marriage he began business for himself in a hardware store which he still continues. They have two children.

FLORENCE M. HILLS was born in East Springfield, Erie County, Pennsylvania, June 29th, 1886.

ETHELBERT L. HILLS was born June 14th, 1890, in East Springfield, Pennsylvania.

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HARRIET M. RICHARDS was born in Kingsville, Ash-tabula County, Ohio, September 12th, 1868. The schools in Springfield supplied her with an education where the years of her childhood and youth were passed in her father's home. For record of her marriage and her family, see sketch of Charles P. Richards, son of George W. Richards, a few pages further on.

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CHARLES P. RICHARDS, son of P. O. Richards, was born May 25th, 1872, in West Springfield, Erie County, Pennsylvania, where he still makes his home with his father, and where he has been in attendance at the schools.

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MARY LEE RICHARDS, born August 27th, 1874, in Springfield, Pennsylvania, is still a member of her father's home and is improving her time and opportunities at the union school near her home.

SARAH PHILIPS—RICHARDS, died June 28th, 1880, and was buried at West Springfield, Pennsylvania.

P. O. RICHARDS was married the third time in Sheffield, Ashtabula County, Ohio, November 30th, 1881, to LUCY E. UFFORD, who was born in Lenox, Madison County, New York, November 30th, 1839. When about eleven years old her parents moved into Sheffield, Ohio, where they resided upon a farm which was her home the greater part of the time until her marriage. Since then they have resided in their home, in Springfield, Pennsylvania.



MARTHA J. RICHARDS was born August 10th, 1837, in Rockdale, Crawford County, Pennsylvania. When quite young her parents moved to Busti, Chautauqua County, New York, where they lived until she was about four years old, then returned to Crawford County again where they remained until she was about thirteen years old. Her father then sold out and moved into the northeast part of Sheffield, Ashtabula County, Ohio, where he purchased a farm and remained upon it until his death. In obtaining her education she had access to the common schools, also high school at Kingsville, Ohio. After her father's death she continued to live in the old home with her mother something over three years, and was married in Sheffield, February 10th, 1857, to ANDREW J. WHIPPLE, who was born in Kingsville, Ashtabula County, Ohio, January 23d, 1832. His father was a farmer and brought up his son to the same occupation. He received a fair education for the times, receiving the benefit of Kingsville academy. For nine winters he passed his time teaching school, beginning the work when he was seventeen years old. After he became of age he usually worked out during

the summer season so that when he was married he had a farm of fifty acres in the southwest part of Sheffield to move on to. Their land was quite new and required a great deal of labor to clear and improve it. Since then they have added to their farm seventy-two acres more. Besides carrying on his farm and attending to other duties he has been elected township trustee and assessor several times, besides filling other offices. He is at present serving a term as justice of the peace which completes twenty-one consecutive years in that capacity. They have had four children.

CARLOS Z. WHIPPLE, born in Sheffield, Ohio, June 5th, 1859. Died January 1860.

ANDREW BINA WHIPPLE was born in Sheffield, Ashtabula County, Ohio, October 1st, 1861. He remained at home and assisted his father in the farm work until he became of age. He patronized the district school and Grand River Institute at Austinburg some two years. Was married in Sheffield, Ohio, September 5th, 1882, to ESTELLA VAN SLYKE, who was born in Plymouth, Ashtabula County, Ohio, December 25th, 1862. Her father followed the occupation of a blacksmith; her mother dying when she was quite young, her home was then made with her grand-parents, who then lived in Sheffield. After their marriage they settled on a farm of forty acres at the center of Denmark, Ashtabula County, on which they are now residing. At the time of this writing he was filling the office of township clerk to which he was elected. They have one son, ANDREW JACKSON WHIPPLE, born in Denmark, Ashtabula County, Ohio, August 22nd 1886.

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FRED. G. WHIPPLE was born in Sheffield, Ashtabula County, Ohio, February 1st, 1865. Remained on the

farm with his father until he was twenty-two years of age. Attending the district school in the meantime. He was married in Jefferson, Ohio, January 1st, 1887, to LOUISA BATES, who was born in the town of Denmark, Ashtabula County, Ohio, February 22d, 1867. She is of a family of ten children. Her father is a farmer and settled in Denmark when it was but a wilderness, she therefore knew something of the necessary privations of pioneer life. About two years before her marriage she left home to assist Mrs. A. J. Whipple in her household labor and there remained until her marriage. They now live on a small farm of their own at Denmark Center. They have one son. GUY RICHARDS WHIPPLE was born in Denmark, Ashtabula County, Ohio, June 20th, 1889.

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ALDEN R. WHIPPLE was born in Sheffield, Ohio, August 6th, 1873. Is now at home and assists his father on the farm, and attends school when not thus engaged.



8th. CYNTHA M. RICHARDS was born in the town of Busti, Chautauqua County, N. Y., August 17th, 1841. Her parents remained in New York but a short time after her birth, before they returned to Pennsylvania and from there they went to Sheffield, Ohio. During the early years of her life to the time of her marriage she had a home with her parents. After her father's death, she remained with her mother until she was married October 23d, 1859, in Springfield, Penn., to ROL-LIN F. PEASE, who was born in Sheffield, Ashtabula County, Ohio, December 29th, 1836. His father was one of the early settlers of the town and a mason by



trade, which business his son learned and principally followed. His parents moved into Kingsville, Ohio, when he was about a year old; he afterward received the advantages of the good schools for which the place has long been noted. After their marriage they began house-keeping near the village of Kingsville in a house built by himself. They remained there about six years, then sold and moved to Riley, Clinton County, Mich., and purchased a farm on which they lived some eighteen months, then traded his place for another one, which he also traded off and afterward returned to Kingsville, Ohio, and worked at his trade about two years. He then traded some property for some land in Sheffield, and was living there at the time of her mother's death, as she was living with her daughter at the time. The farm there they traded for another one of eighty-one acres south of the center of Sheffield, and while living there they lost their house by fire. They rebuilt, but in the spring of 1890 were living on a small rented place near Kingsville and rents the farm to their son. The office of township trustee he has filled acceptably, and been a school officer eleven years. They have three children.

ELBERT C. PEASE was born in Kingsville, Ashtabula County, Ohio, December 21st, 1860. He received his education at Kingsville. Remained with his father until he was twenty-four years of age, and learned of him the mason's trade which he follows; is also a contractor and employs men to work at jobs he has taken. Was married in Sheffield, Ohio, December 10th, 1884, to CLARA M. COBB, who was born December 5th, 1864, in Harbor Creek, Erie County, Pennsylvania. After their marriage they resided some two years in Ashtabula, and one year in Conneaut, Ohio. They are now in Cleveland, where he is working at his trade. They have three children.

EDNA PEARL PEASE was born December 10th, 1885, in Sheffield, Ashtabula County, Ohio.

FLORENCE PEASE was born in Brooklyn Village, Cuyahoga County, Ohio, January 13th, 1890.

INFANT—not yet named— born in Brooklyn Village, Cuyahoga County, Ohio, January 21st, 1892.

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FRANCIS M. PEASE was born in Kingsville, Ohio, September 30th, 1865. Attended school in Sheffield while he remained at home; was married near Springfield, Pennsylvania, October 28th, 1883, to CARRIE J. DAVISON, who was born in Waterford, Pennsylvania, January 31st, 1866. Her childhood was passed in Franklin, Pennsylvania, and her youth in Sheffield, where she received a common school education. After their marriage he rented his father's place in Sheffield, where they still remain. They have had three children.

ALTA MAY PEASE was born November 28th, 1884, died December 10th, 1884.

RALPH H. PEASE was born in Sheffield, Ohio, January 28th, 1887.

GARLAND PEASE was born in Sheffield, Ohio, July 25th, 1891.

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MARTHA J. PEASE was born in Sheffield, Ashtabula County, Ohio, April 4th, 1872. Received her education principally at Kingsville, Ohio. Has been afflicted with paralysis to the extent of losing the use of her right arm, yet by a great deal of perseverance she has learned to use the member so that she is able to do nearly all kinds of work. She engages in dressmaking and by making the sewing machine do the most of it, is able to do a great deal of work. Her home is still with her parents.

9th. GEORGE W. RICHARDS was born in Rockdale, Crawford County, Penn., July 3d, 1843, was about ten years old when his father died. His home was then with his mother on the old place for some time afterward. When not employed on the farm he was usually engaged in working out by the month. Thus his time was passed until he was married in West Springfield, Penn., September 4th, 1861, to ANN D. UFFORD, who was born in Lenox, Madison County, N. Y., June 29th, 1841. Her father was a farmer and remained there until she was about eight years old, then removed into the town of Sheffield, Ohio, where he purchased a large farm which afterward included the Richards homestead. This was her home at the time of her marriage, after which they rented a farm for about two years. He then enlisted on the 12th day of January, 1864; was mustered into the service at Warren, Ohio; from there they were ordered to Nashville, Tenn., where they remained six months; then moved on to Decatur, Alabama, where they remained until rebel Gen. Hood started for Nashville; was skirmishing some five days with portions of his command. Were next ordered to Stephenson, Alabama, and to Decatur, same state. He was laid up at Columbus some three months with small pox and its effects before he again joined the command. Was mustered out of service at Camp Dennison, Ohio, July 22d, 1865. After returning from the army, he bought a place in Sheffield, Ohio, where they remained until late in the autumn of 1868, when he moved to Michigan, settling on a farm in Clinton County. Was afterward on a farm in Riley and Olive townships, after which he moved into Charlotte, Eaton County, and there remained two years engaged in livery business; then purchased a farm in Kalamo, same county, where they resided nine years; then in the spring of 1891 sold out and returned to Sheffield, Ohio.

where he is again in possession of a farm. They have four children.

CHARLES P. RICHARDS was born in Sheffield, Ashtabula County, Ohio, April 26th, 1866. Was with his father in the different places he lived in until he was nineteen years old, when he left home and went to West Springfield, Penn., and hired out to work on a farm; was thus engaged for nearly a year then returned to his father's home in Michigan and after a stay of seven months returned to Springfield where he bought a lot and built a house upon it; was in a meat market there for over a year, then worked in a tile yard. At the present time he has the mail route between Cherry Hill and North Springfield, Penn. Was married December 3d, 1886, in Westfield New York, to HATTIE M. RICHARDS, a daughter of P. O. Richards whose family record see. They have two children.

BESSIE RICHARDS, born at West Springfield, Penn., April 23d, 1888.

MILES J. RICHARDS, born at Cherry Hill, Erie County, Penn., August 19th, 1889.

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OTIS G. RICHARDS was born June 23d, 1873, in Olive township, Clinton County, Mich.

FLOYD D. RICHARDS born in Olive, Clinton County, Mich., June 25th, 1876.

GUY V. RICHARDS was born in Kalamo, Eaton County, Mich., January 15th, 1883.



10th. ALVIRA MARIA RICHARDS was born September 25th, 1845, in Rockdale, Crawford County, Penn., where she lived until she was nearly seven years

old then her home was in Sheffield, Ohio. After her father's death she lived with her mother a year or two on the farm then broke up housekeeping for a time and made a visit of several months with friends in Portage County, Ohio; then returned to the old home where they lived a year or two longer; finally sold the home but remained in it a few months; then resided with her mother in other places until her marriage July 3d, 1863, in Ashtabula, Ohio, to THOMAS JEFFERSON AMIDON, who was born in Onondaga, Onondaga County, N. Y., June 17th, 1837. His father was a mechanic, and when his son was about eighteen years old removed into Plymouth, Ohio, onto a farm. He received a common school education. In his early years he was greatly troubled with asthma until he was nineteen years old so that he was able to do but very little labor. After their marriage they lived on a rented farm in Plymouth, Ohio, about two years. In the fall of 1866, moved to Dowagiac, Mich., and purchased a half interest in a grocery store which he sold after a time and returned to Ohio, and after remaining there a time went to Michigan again. He has, in the past, been engaged in meat market in Ionia, Greenville and St. Johns, Mich., in all some five years; was afterward engaged in a market in Charlotte, Michigan, where about the first of the year 1877, he purchased a place which has been his home ever since. He has followed for some years, the business of buying and selling stock, which he is also at present engaged in. They have three children.

ALICE L. AMIDON was born in Plymouth, Ashtabula County, Ohio, February 16th, 1865. She remained with her parents until she was married; received a very good education; was attending the union schools in Charlotte, Mich., but left before graduating; was mar-

ried in Charlotte, June 4th, 1881, to CHARLES L. KIMBALL, who was born in Eaton County, Mich., November 23d, 1860. They lived together about six years; two years afterward she received from the court a decree of divorce. They had three children.

IRA C. KIMBALL, born November 23d, 1882, in Eaton, Eaton County, Mich.

IVA L. KIMBALL was born February 13th, 1884, in Charlotte, Mich.

ALFRED J. KIMBALL, born in Charlotte, Mich., August 1st, 1885; died July 26th, 1886; buried in Maple Hill cemetery, Charlotte.

She was married a second time in Charlotte at the U. B. parsonage, March 20th, 1889, to LUCIUS COOPER, who was born in Carmel, Eaton County, Mich., April 30th, 1852; was brought up on the farm on which he was born; received a common school education; made his home with his parents until he was thirty-five, but was engaged some of the time in business in Charlotte, and at other times was working his father's farm on shares. During the past three years has been engaged in a creamery in Charlotte where he now resides.

ALTA M. AMIDON was born in Kingsville, Ashtabula County, Ohio, August 11th, 1868. Her school days were principally passed in Charlotte, Mich., graded schools. Remained at her father's home until her marriage there in Charlotte, March 13th, 1886, to JAMES W. HILL, who was born in New Castle, Canada, December 27th, 1863; was about four months old when his parents moved to Charlotte, Mich., where they lived about two years, then after some years residence in other places returned in 1884 to Charlotte, where his home has principally been ever since. His father was

a blacksmith and taught his son the same trade, which he now follows. After their marriage they lived with her parents about two years and then went to Vermontville, Mich., where he engaged in work at his trade some two years, then returned to Charlotte, where they now live and where he has a shop and is doing business. They have one son.

ROLLAND J. HILL born in Vermontville, Michigan, December 9th, 1889.

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ASA J. AMIDON was born in St. Johns, Clinton County, Mich., December 26th, 1874. Since he was four months old he has been at times severely afflicted with the asthma which greatly interferes with his enjoyment of life. He resides with his parents in Charlotte, where he attends the union school.



**DIVISION 10.**

**Families and Descendants**

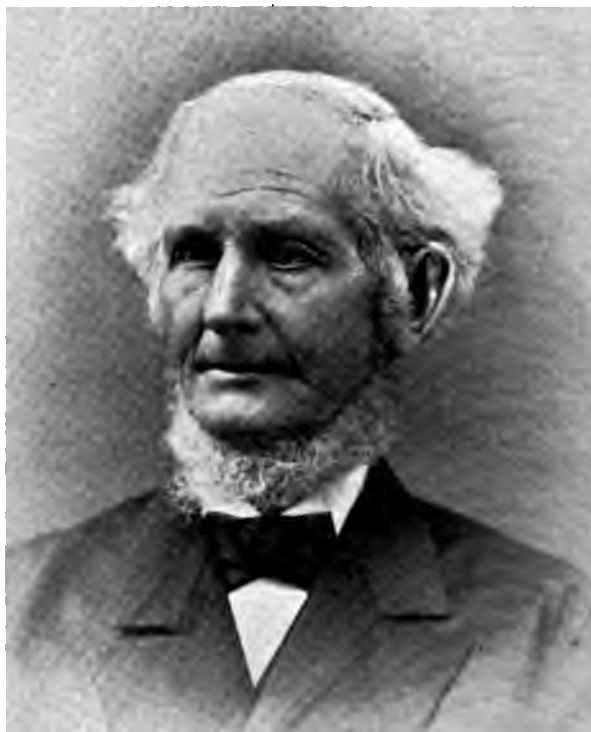
**OF**

**PARIS OLIN.**

PARIS OLIN, the tenth of Ezra and Ruth Olin's children, was born in Shaftsbury, Vt., July 25th, 1807. He spent his childhood and early life under the shadows of the green mountains where the sun does not come into full view some parts of the year till nearly nine o'clock. There, in their valley home between those mountain ranges, lived the subject of this sketch for seventeen years, helping his father to secure the means in providing for his large family. It would seem strangely out of place in these times for parents to deprive their children of an education in order to secure the avails of their labor. But the steady progress of eighty years reveals wonderful changes in human affairs, even in our own land. He attended school in Shaftsbury Center after he was old enough, until he was nine years old, then his summer attendance ended, as his services were needed at home. After that he received but very little schooling, even in the winter time, while he stayed in Vermont. After his removal to New York he attended school the first winter but twelve days, and the second winter thirteen days; that completed his school privileges.







PARIS OLIN.





SOPHIA PHILLIPS-OLIN.





In 1824, when his father moved to New York, he and his brother Heman accompanied them. On reaching their new home in the month of March, he learned that his father had hired him out to labor on a farm for nine months at seven dollars per month, and he must begin his work the next morning after his arrival; the wages of course were to be his fathers, but by working nights "attending potash," at eighteen cents per night, he earned enough to rent a half acre of land and put it into corn. After harvesting it, with the proceeds he bought a pig and had some left for spending money, but not much of it ever went for cigars or to hire fast horses. In the summer of 1825 he worked at home helping his father in clearing his farm, putting in crops and harvesting them. The next summer, 1826, he worked for an older brother for \$100. In the fall he visited his old home in Vermont, going by way of canal, except seventy miles which he walked. On his return that fall he went on horseback, accompanied by his sister, Ruth Stratton and husband, who were then moving to Western New York.

In 1827 nature gave way under the pressure of so much hard work day and night. Although it was a great trial for an ambitious boy like him, he was obliged to rest from hard labor for about six months, doing what little he was able to do on his father's farm.

In 1828 being of age, he rented a farm and worked for himself. In 1829 he worked during the summer for a Mr. Sheldon, who lived near a favorite aunt of his who had living with her a very interesting young lady, for whom it appears he was especially interested in, and the result is thus recorded in the family records: Married in Perry, Wyoming County, N. Y., on the evening of December 31st, 1829, Mr. Paris Olin to Miss Sophia Phillips. All of Perry.

SOPHIA PHILLIPS was born in Whitestown, Oneida, County, N. Y., January 30th, 1808.

She lost her mother when she was but six months old, yet her father kept house, and his children, four in number, together three years, then broke up house-keeping, when the daughter went to live with Deacon Silas Rawson in the same town, where she remained until she was sixteen years old. The family then removed to Perry, where she lived until her marriage which occurred in their home. Her school advantages were rather limited as she was not permitted to attend after she was fifteen years old.—

In 1830, as Mr. Olin had saved three hundred dollars; he thought best to buy a farm, but with that small sum the debt to be incurred would be too great to bear alone, so he entered into company with his brother Heman, and bought a farm in the town of Sheldon. After a partnership of two years he sold out his interest to his brother and went back to Perry where he rented a farm for the next year. In 1833 he purchased a farm in Leicester on which was a log house and a barn which made a home for them for eighteen months, then bought two acres across the street on which was a frame house, in which they lived several years.

In 1844 he ventured to buy more land on which was a better house into which they moved and made their home long after he was actively engaged in farming pursuits.

It was his usual custom when doing his work to say "come" instead of "go." He never required of others what he was not able and willing to do himself.

One sultry day, while out in the field working with his men, one of them seeming considerably fatigued was asked if it was so warm that it made him pant. "Yes," he replied, "it would make lightning pant to keep up with you."

In 1850 he felt a strong desire to again visit the home of his childhood; consequently in company with his wife and three children started out with their own conveyance to make the journey as they used to twenty-five and thirty years before. The Green Mountains stood the same in their beauty and grandeur as they did twenty-six years before when he saw them last. But oh! how the hills and streams diminished in size. What seemed to him in his childish mind to be "almost a mountain" had shrunk to a small hill. What seemed to be "almost a small river," had diminished into a small stream. Thus proving the truth of the words: "When I was a child I *saw* as a child, as well as *spake* as a child."

December 31st, 1879, they celebrated their fiftieth anniversary or "golden wedding." Surrounded by their friends and all their children, it was indeed a pleasant gathering. Ten years later—December 31st, 1889, their sixtieth anniversary was celebrated at the home of their daughter, Mrs. Sheldon, with whom they were living. Eighty-eight persons were present, of whom seventeen were over seventy years of age. Seven over eighty and one of ninety years. Also forty were there who attended their golden wedding ten years before. His sister, Almira Balton, was the only one present of the three still living who attended his first wedding sixty years before.

Of the fourteen branches of our family, this one was spared the longest from visits of that fell destroyer—Death. Other branches he visited early and often, but this one was long spared ere the circle was broken, but now the heads of three of its families have been taken. During the last three or four years of his life his home was principally with his daughter, Mrs. Mary J. Sheldon, and until his memory became clouded with the feebleness of age, he rendered valuable service in furnish-

ing material for this work, which he took great interest in, and hoped to live and see it completed. From a paper printed in Perry the following extracts are taken.

### OBITUARY.

"The death of Paris Olin, aged eighty-three years, occurred Sunday morning January 11th, 1891, at the residence of his daughter, Mrs. M. J. Sheldon.

Mr. Olin was born July 25th, 1807 in the town of Shaftsbury, Vt. and was the tenth in a family of fourteen children. But two of this large family survive—Mrs. Warren Bolton of this town and a brother, Ezra Olin, Jr., aged eighty-nine still living in Windsor, Ohio.

Mr. Olin was highly esteemed by all who knew him, and was just and upright in all his ways. He was of a retiring nature and selfdistrustful, yet, in whatever capacity he acted he did efficient service. He was for nine years one of the assessors of the town of Perry, and also held, until his resignation on account of failing health, the responsible position of Railroad Commissioner.

In the death of Mr. Olin, Perry loses one of its most substantial citizens. For sixty-seven years he has been actively and helpfully identified with the interests of his town. Thus another pioneer passes away.

The subject of this notice was always deeply interested in the moral and spiritual welfare of the community, and when in health was a regular attendant upon the services of the Presbyterian Church, of which he was a cheerful and generous supporter.

The end of his life, after a few years of gradually failing health was apparently painless, and he fell asleep in the midst of those whose willing hands and loving hearts had ministered to him in his declining years.

The funeral was largely attended on Tuesday after-



noon, Rev. C. H. Dibble officiating. The afflicted family have the sincere sympathy of a large circle of friends in their bereavement."

Mrs. Sophia Olin still lives with her daughter who is the oldest of her family of three children.

1st. MARY JANE OLIN was born in the town of Sheldon, Wyoming County, N. Y., May 4th, 1831. In April, 1832, her father moved into the township of Perry, stopping there one year in a house owned by his brother John; then moved just across the township line into Lester where they lived eighteen months in a log house. He then purchased two acres across the street on which was a frame house, in which they lived until the spring of 1844; then moved onto their farm in Perry, about a half mile distant, which place was her home until her marriage. When but three years old she commenced attending school, as it was very near, and went summers and winters until she was eleven, then remained at home summers to help her mother as she was the oldest, youngest and middle daughter. She attended school at Wyoming Academy three winters and part of fall and spring terms, and about three terms at academy at Perry Center. Her spinning experience on the little wheel was of short duration. She began by making a kite line for her brother Thomas, and ended the summer she was fifteen, when from her apparent "awkwardness" her sympathizing mother hired a girl to finish the job she had commenced. She succeeded better however with the large wheel and carpet loom, as she used to practice on both years after she began keeping house for herself. She is greatly interested in temperance and church work. She was first in starting an organization for the improvement and better care of the cemetery at Perry Center; she is secretary of the society and also one of its trustees at whose hands there is much work

required, the result of which is seen in the improved condition of that silent city of the dead. She has been a member of the ladies' benevolent society of Perry Center for forty years, and has now been its secretary and treasurer for eight years; was married at the home of her parents in Perry, N. Y., December 29th, 1851, to ANDREW SHELDON, who was born June 13th, 1826, in Perry, Wyoming County, N. Y., where his father was one of the first settlers, having entered the town about September 1st, 1816, and purchased a farm that was almost entirely covered with forest. That farm was Andrew's home while he lived. He attended school in the district and the academy in the village of Perry. His parents were poor, hard working, Christian people, but succeeded in accumulating enough to make them comfortable in their old age, besides contributing liberally to the master's cause and various Christian charities. The old farm that was his home in childhood was also his home as long as he lived. The house in which he first saw the light of day was the same in which he lived during the sixty-two years of his life which also ended there. After his marriage he settled upon the home farm; had the care of his parents during their declining years, and there reared his own family. He was engaged in farming the greater part of the time. His farm was well improved and more added to it, until at the time of his death he owned 174 acres of valuable land. His business was such during several years of his life that he was called away from home much of his time traveling in different states. Although he enjoyed the pleasure those journeys afforded, yet he was equally glad to return to his home again. As he advanced in years he was forced to bear the misfortune of defective hearing. As his affliction increased the more he sought the seclusion of home. He spent a

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number of years in the capacity of superintendent of sunday-school and bible class teacher, and found time amid the busy cares of life to prepare for that last and final journey, which he knew he must some time enter upon. On Friday morning, March 9th, 1888, after an illness of less than six days, his life of a little less than sixty-two years closed. They were the parents of five children.

1. BELLE J. SHELDON was born February 1st, 1853, in Perry, N. Y. Has always lived at her father's home. Had the benefit of good schools. When quite young she had an attack of scarlet fever which nearly destroyed the sight of one of her eyes and injured her hearing very much. She has always been greatly interested in the cause of temperance, to which she has given a great deal of her time, and labored much in that direction.

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2. HERBERT P. SHELDON was born in Perry, Wyoming County, N. Y., March 13th, 1855. His early life was spent with his parents on the old farm. Attended the academy at Perry till the autumn he was twenty years old, then went to Ithaca, N. Y., to attend Cornell University, where he remained two years. Attended Medical College in Buffalo, where he graduated in the spring of 1879. Had one year's practice in the hospital there, the greater part after his graduation. Then practiced four years with Dr. Richmond in Livonia, N. Y. In 1883 went to New York City and took special course in cutaneous diseases, then returned to practice again with Dr. Richmond, and also engaged in other special work until 1887, when he went to Rochester and has made a special effort practicing in skin diseases. He was married in Weeping Water, Neb.,

December 21st, 1887, to MILLIE J. HOWARD, who was born September 24th, 1855, in Perry, N. Y. She was third in a family of four children. Her parents were farmers, remained with them in Perry until she was sixteen, then the family moved to Warsaw, N. Y., where she resided until 1882; then went to Batavia to live with a brother who had lost his wife. Some two years before their marriage, she moved with her brother to Nebraska, where she remained until the time of her marriage.

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3. HORACE R. SHELDON was born January 9th, 1857, in the old "homestead on the hill" in Perry, Wyoming County, N. Y. His life was passed on the farm, where he remained pretty closely until he attended commercial college some three months in Buffalo, N. Y. Was married August 14th, 1884, to HENRIETTA M. HUNTINGTON, at her father's home in Perry. She was born June 26th, 1856, in Perry, N. Y. Her father, Charles Huntington, was born in Vermont and went to Perry, N. Y., when a boy, and afterward purchased a farm in the northeast part of the township. He was first married to Lucy J. Olin, daughter of Asa Olin. She lived but a few months. His second wife was mother of six children; the subject of this sketch being one of them. She was brought up on the farm where she remained during her early life, only a way to attend school at Perry, and Normal at Genesee. After their marriage they moved into a house upon one of the farms belonging to the family; since his father's death has control in managing all the land they own. The estate remains as it was, yet he is laboring with a view of purchasing in time, part of the old place for a home. They have two children:

ARTHUR H. SHELDON, born in Perry, Wyoming County, N. Y., November 22d, 1885.

DELLA M. SHELDON, born March 12th, 1889, in Perry, N. Y.

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4. MARY J. SHELDON was born December 21st, 1863, in Perry, Wyoming County, N. Y. She attended school in Perry considerably, and finally completed her schooling at Oswego Normal. Taught in Lagrange one summer term. Has been very much interested in religious and temperance work.

June 27th, 1888, she was married at her mother's home in Perry, N. Y., to WALTER M. WELD, who was born, February 26th, 1864, in Lawrence, Van Buren County, Mich. When he was eleven years old his mother died in California, where she was living with her second husband; he then returned alone to Perry where he found a home with Mrs. German Olin until 1883, then went to Kalamazoo, Mich., and engaged in clerking in a hardware store. Afterward went to Charlotte, Mich., and learned telegraphy, and in the spring of 1888 went to Detroit and engaged as freight agent. After their marriage his wife joined him there, where they now live in the north part of the city. He being still engaged in freight and telegraph business. They have two children, WINIFRED WELD, born July 20th, 1889, in Detroit, Mich. FORENCE MARY WELD was born in Detroit, Mich., January 8th, 1892.

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5. FLORA S. SHELDON was born in Perry, N. Y., October 27th, 1867. Has always been at home except what time she spent in obtaining her education and in teaching. Attended school in Perry and there graduated

in 1885, then attended two years in Genesee after which she taught one term in Perry and then returned to school in Genesee where, after completing her studies, she engaged in teaching again.



2d. THOMAS OLIN was born in the township of Perry, Wyoming County, N. Y., January 9th, 1833. During the time he remained with his father, he was engaged in the work of the farm and in obtaining an education. Attended school in Perry, one term in Wyoming, and the high school in Lima. He was married in Perry Center, December 23d, 1855, to EMELINE COMPTON, who was born in November, 1832. At the time of her marriage she was living in Perry. She died September 17th, 1866; was buried in cemetery at Perry Center. She left one son.

FRED. C. OLIN who was born October 17th, 1860. Not being possessed of a strong constitution he was unable when young to perform hard labor consequently spent the greater part of his time in school. Attended Cornell University one year, his health failing, was obliged to cease attendance. He is possessed of an inventive mind, and in order to follow his natural inclination, he settled in Buffalo, where he was engaged for some time in a machine shop. He afterward located in Dunkirk, N. Y.; where he at present resides, and is superintendent of the Martin Anti-Fire Car Heater Works. He was married at the home of his wife's parents, No. 256 Connecticut street, Buffalo, N. Y., September 22d, 1891, to ALICE B. BARTHOLOMEW, who was born June 29th, 1866, in White's Corners, Erie County, N. Y., where her parents resided. About a year afterward they removed to a

place called Ebenezer, same county, where they remained a year and a half; since then in Buffalo where her father, Abram Bartholomew, still resides and practices law. Her education was obtained in the public and normal schools of Buffalo. About the first of December, 1891, they began housekeeping at their residence, 524 Central avenue, Dunkirk, N. Y., which is still their home.

Thomas Olin was again married December 30th, 1867, to CATHERINE B. MCINTEE, who was born in Perry, N. Y., February 9th, 1833. Her father was one of the early settlers and went into the township when it was new, purchased a farm, cleared and improved it. She attended Perry academy and graduated at Leroy seminary. She lived in her father's home in Perry until her marriage, after which they lived out on the farm three years, then bought twenty acres near the limits of Perry Village where they moved and have lived ever since. The following obituary was taken from a paper, printed in Perry:

"THOMAS OLIN, a highly respected citizen of Perry, died Friday afternoon, November 23d, 1883. The funeral was attended at his late residence Sabbath afternoon by a large number of friends and relatives. Mr. Olin was born in Leicester, and was fifty years old. He was the oldest son of Mr. Paris Olin. He has always lived in Perry and vicinity, and was well and widely known. Mr. Olin's illness began about four years ago. Reluctantly, yet submissively he relinquished, one by one, those active duties of life which he loved to perform. He endured a long and weary trial of sickness, yet he was ever patient and hopeful through all suspense and suffering. He was a man straightforward and outspoken, positive in his opinions and transparent in his character. He was quiet in his manner and made many firm friends. The community loses a

useful citizen, and the Presbyterian Church a valued and active member. He thought much in health as well as in sickness upon religious subjects, and was ever an earnest student of the Word. In the prime of life and the full measure of his usefulness, he is taken from us. His might seem an unfinished life, but all lives are finished day by day that gives completeness to any life. The afflicted family have not only the sincere sympathy of many friends, but the community at large.



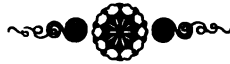
3d. ALBERT E. OLIN was born August 8th, 1849, in the township of Perry, Wyoming County, N. Y.. He has always resided on the same farm on which he was born; was brought up a farmer and still follows that occupation. The district school acted an important part in his education. After he ceased attending there, he went a few terms to Perry Academy. He was married January 12th, 1876, in the Baptist Church at Lagrange, Perry township, N. Y., to JULIA CRONKHITE, who was born in Middlebury, Wyoming County, N. Y., May 12th, 1850. Her parents resided in Middlebury until the spring of 1866 when they moved into the township of Perry near what is called the village of Lagrange. Her father was a farmer; she therefore became early accustomed to farm life. Her opportunities for acquiring an education were well improved. She attended school, and graduated from academy at Middlebury, and afterward attended in Perry where, among other studies, that of the languages received much attention. His farm consists of the old homestead of 100 acres lying in Perry township. They have had three children.



1. PARIS OLIN, born in Perry, N. Y., October 22d, 1881; died September 13th, 1882; buried at Perry Center.

2d. ALBERT HOWARD OLIN, born in Perry, Wyoming County, N. Y., February 15th, 1884.

3d. GERMAN B. OLIN, born February 3d, 1888, in Perry, N. Y.

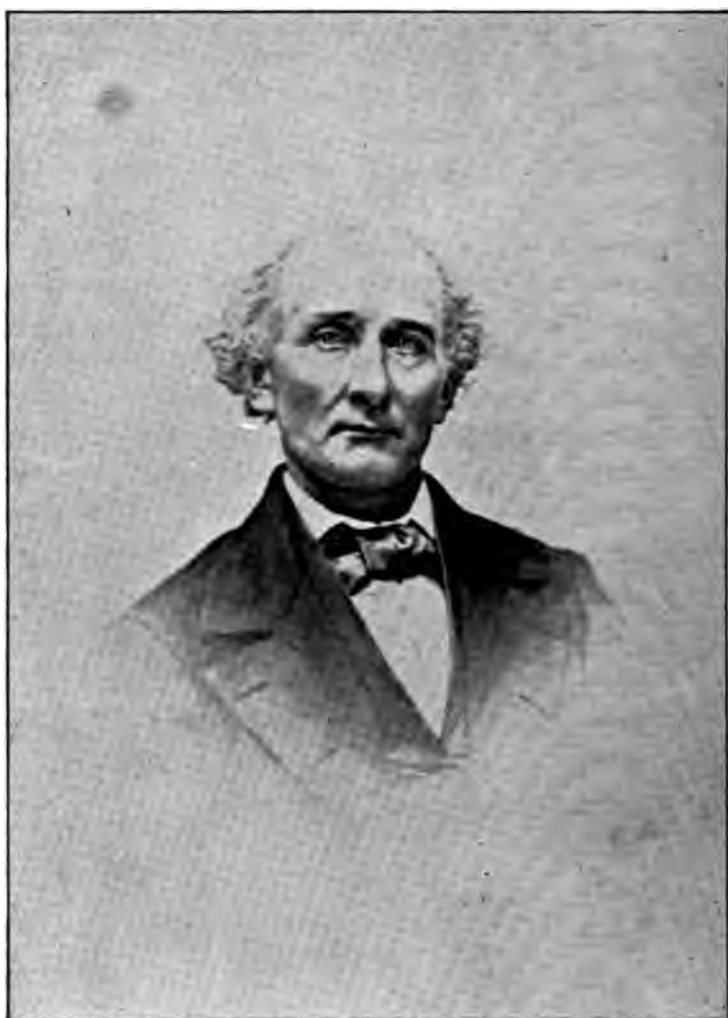


## **DIVISION 11.**

# **Families and Descendants OF HEMAN OLIN BRANCH.**

HEMAN OLIN was born in Shaftsbury, Vt., March 11th, 1809, where his life, until he was fifteen years old, was passed. His footsteps seemed to follow in the same path his older brothers had traveled before him. When old enough he must take his place in the field and do what he could to assist in the work of the day, whether it was hoeing corn, raking hay, or pulling flax. He was permitted a few winters to attend the district school, but he never graduated from any academy or college. His position in life must be where he could put in practice those lessons he received on the farm or in the forest. The knowledge he the regained, which he began to acquire in early youth, together with the lessons in economy which he learned at the fireside of his childhood's home, were of great practical value in after years of business life and active labor in making his life work a success. In the month of February, 1824, when he was scarcely fifteen years old, his father sold out in Vermont and started for the "Genesee Country," as it was then called. He and his brother Paris, accompanied their father, who went with a team and wagon that long





HEMAN OLIN.



PERSIS TUTTLE-OLIN.





distance over the rough new roads, and in March arrived at their new home in Perry. The following six years he assisted his father in clearing the new farm, helping to till it, or working for an older brother, or neighbor, when not really needed on the farm; his wages always being considered as belonging to his father until he became twenty-one. A few weeks after he became of age, May 1st, 1830, he in company with his brother Paris, purchased a farm of 116½ acres in the town of Sheldon, Wyoming County, for which they were to pay \$700. He had but very little money to pay on it, but his brother had some \$300 which he had saved. After they had been working together over a year he concluded to take a life partner to assist him and bear him company on through the years that lay before him. September 26th, 1831, he was married to PERSIS TUTTLE, who was born in Lewis township, Essex County, N. Y., May 9th, 1808. Her parents moved into Orangeville, Wyoming County, N. Y., in 1814. In that vicinity for the next seventeen years she lived an inmate of her parents' home. She witnessed many changes in the appearance of the country in which she lived. She saw the extensive forests vanish before the settler's ax and rich fields of waving grain appear. The log house and barn gave place to better and more convenient buildings; the school-house too, was a more familiar object, and better advantages for learning were secured. Those pioneers of early days are held in grateful remembrance for that patient toil and determined spirit that left such noble legacy to succeeding generations. After remainining in company about two years he bought his brother Paris' interest in the farm and continued to work it about two years longer, then sold out and removed into the town of Castile, same county, where he remained but a year, then bought a farm in Perry where he resided some

thirteen years. In 1849 he sold his farm in Perry and bought another in the adjoining town of Leicester, where he again engaged in farming operations and was still successful; was also considerably engaged in raising and dealing in stock. After residing upon the farm a few years, he one time prepared a number of fat cattle for market, the proceeds of which he intended to use in meeting the last payment on his farm. Having disposed of his stock to his satisfaction, he was about returning home when he was met by an acquaintance and extensive business man of his place, in whom he always had great confidence, who requested the loan, for a short time, of the \$3,000 he had just received. From the apparent necessity of the case, and thinking that from the large business he was carrying on he was abundantly able to meet all obligations, and with a little more urging, he at last accommodated his friend, but never ceased to regret the unfortunate act. From appearance it seemed a premeditated act on the part of his false friend to obtain his money, as immediately his business failed and his credit vanished, and with it finally the hope of regaining his lost property, although sacred last promises were often made. In order to make up his unexpected loss new adventures were made which proved unsuccessful, and at last the home was sold, and gathering what he could from his wrecked fortune, he moved his family to Kalamazoo County, Mich., where he began again the battle of life. He purchased a farm in the south part of Ross which he kept a short time, then sold and bought another in Richland where he was again successful. On his farm was a log house which was built a number of years before; this he occupied as a home. Having entered into the hop business, he was engaged in getting out timber for a hop house, when he was taken sick and lived but a



few weeks. He died May 19th, 1865, and was buried in the cemetery on Gull prairie in Richland. In reviewing his life, we see that like all others, he made mistakes; we can see also a spirit of ambition and a determination to succeed, even mounting above difficulties by the might and power of his will. Possessed of a cheerful disposition and a lively, even jovial manner, with a never failing stock of anecdotes and stories, his companionship was sought and greatly enjoyed; with him *home* was more than simply a dwelling place; it was the one loved and cherished spot, and his great desire was that his family should enjoy life and love their home. After his death, in accordance with his wishes, his youngest son took charge of the farm and furnished a home for his mother during her remaining years, which were made pleasant by the kind attention of her grateful children. She died at her home in Richland, Mich., early in the morning of February 19th, 1887, after suffering many years from that lingering disease consumption. She was buried by the side of the companion of her early days. They were the parents of seven children.

1st. S. CORDELIA OLIN, the eldest of Heman Olin's children, was born in the town of Sheldon, Wyoming County, N. Y., September 18th, 1832. When she was about three years old her parents moved to the town of Castile where they lived a year, then moved into Perry. During her early years she lived at home and when large enough, assisted her mother in her household duties. She attended district school both summer and winter until she was twelve years old, then winter term only until she was sixteen. Girls then were usually taught to spin and weave. She was no exception to that rule as she early received instruction in the art of spinning tow and wool and afterward wove the same into cloth. Much of that used in their family was made in this way.

Her life seems to have moved on in the ordinary course, as but few incidents transpired of unusual occurrence. For thirty-six years her home was with her parents and where their home was, there was her's also. February 15th, 1869, she was married at her home in Richland, Mich., to WILLIAM J. DOANE, of Mendon, St. Joseph County, Mich., where they resided for the next eight years, he being engaged there in the grocery and market business as long as his health permitted. In the month of February, 1877, he contracted a severe cold which soon settled into consumption with which he lingered until the 25th day of September, 1878, when he died, aged fifty years, ten months, and eighteen days. After settling her business affairs in Mendon, the following November, she and her daughter returned to the home she had left a few years before, where she has since resided with her brother's family. Her only daughter as she approached mature years appeared to have inherited the same disease that afflicted her father. In 1886 she took a severe cold which seemed to create a marked change in her health ever after as she gradually grew weaker, and each month she seemed nearer that silent land. On February 7th, 1887, the vital spark was extinguished and "Lottie" was no more. This is her brief record:

LOTTIE AGNES DOANE, born in Mendon, St. Joseph County, Mich., December 31st, 1869, died at the home of her uncle in Richland, Mich., February 7th, 1887, aged seventeen years, one month and six days.



1st. JONATHAN OLIN was born June 16th, 1834, in Sheldon, Wyoming County, N. Y., where he lived about

a year; his father then moved into Castile, where he remained but a short time, then went to Perry, same county, where he lived until he was fourteen years old; his parents then moved into the town of Leicester where he made his home with them until he was past twenty-four years of age. It was while his father was living in Leicester that he took his brother Samuel's farm in Ohio to work on shares. Jonathan, with the help of his brothers, did the work of putting in the crops and helping in the harvest. The result of their undertaking was very satisfactory as they succeeded in raising about 2,500 bushels of wheat and thirty acres of corn. The proceeds from their share amounting to some thirteen hundred dollars. His parents gave him the benefit of a fair education with the privilege of attending academy at Perry two winters. January 12th, 1859, he was married to CATHERINE M. GARRISON at her father's home in Perry, N. Y. She was born September 28th, 1837, in Perry, Wyoming County, N. Y., where she attended the union schools and finished her education at the academy there. Began teaching summer school when she was fifteen and attended schools in winter until she was eighteen, after which she taught two years in the same union schools. Directly after their marriage they made a trip to her sister's in Woburn, Mass., and visited other cities on the way. The season following their marriage he worked land on shares until November when he removed to or near Ann Arbor, Mich., and there in company with his brother Hiram he worked a farm of six hundred acres for the next year and a half; he then moved onto a place some two miles west of Galesburg, Mich., where he entered into partnership in purchasing a farm of eighty acres. On this place he lived about one year, and while they were there his oldest daughter was born. He then sold his interest in the

farm to his partner, and then bought an eighty-acre lot directly back of his father's farm in the south part of Richland township; and while he was living on this place he received notice from one of Uncle Sam's officers that Abraham Lincoln needed him to serve as a soldier or in other words "they drafted him into the army." Being so situated that he could not go himself he was obliged to furnish a substitute, and in order to raise the money to do so he was obliged to sell his home which was done, and the substitute was procured to fill his place in the ranks. The season following he was engaged in selling fruit trees. In the spring of 1867 he moved to the town of Hart, Oceana County, Mich., where he purchased a farm of seventy acres with the intention of engaging quite largely in the raising of hops, which then promised a good investment. He proceeded at once to set out a large yard on his own and adjoining land, but when the plants began to put forth in the spring there was waiting an unseen army of worms ready to cut down the plants as fast as they made their appearance or tried to climb the poles already prepared for them. They were finally successful in their work of destroying the crop, also his hope of success for after three years trial they were still as numerous and persistent as ever, and he was at last obliged to abandon the business and give up his farm. He then moved into the village of Hart where his home has been ever since, save one year that he lived at Spring Lake on a fruit farm.

On July 12th, 1876, Mrs. Olin was taken with rheumatic fever and inflammatory rheumatism which left her ever after a helpless cripple. Her condition then called for much care and attention from her family, which was cheerfully given, as in her affliction she ever maintained a patient and cheerful spirit, which endeared her to the hearts of her family, and made her home a bright and

pleasant one. The following is taken from the *Hart Journal* of December 3d, 1891:

"Again we are called upon to chronicle the death of another of Hart's well-known and respected citizens. Mrs. Kate Olin, whose death occurred at her home on Water street, Friday p. m. November 25th, 1891, aged, fifty-four years. But few have lived in Hart longer than Mrs. Olin and none, we believe, has been afflicted so long and so severely. For fifteen long years she has been unable to walk from the effects of inflammatory rheumatism and whenever seen upon our streets she was invariably in her invalid chair pushed by her kind and loving husband, who has done everything in his power to smooth the last days of her pathway of life to the tomb. About six weeks ago she was attacked by an inflammation and enlargement of the spleen, and although everything that a skilled physician, kind husband, a loving daughter and kind neighbors could do was done to save her life, but to no purpose. She looked upon the "inevitable hour" with composure and fortitude, and said she no more dreaded death than she would to pass into another room. In her case death came shorn of its terrors and she could truly say: "Oh death where is thy sting?" In her death, Mr. Olin loses an affectionate wife, Alida and Lena a tender, loving mother, and the village a kind neighbor. The funeral, which was largely attended, was held in the Congregational Church, conducted by its pastor, Rev. Whalley, from text in Ps. 37, 37. They had three children.

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ALIDA M. OLIN was born in Comstock, Kalamazoo County, Mich., March 17th, 1861; was six years old when her parents moved to Hart, Oceana County, where

she attended school and completed her education. She was fifteen years old when her mother became a cripple and then the responsibilities of the household duties rested upon her; that trust she faithfully performed until her marriage which occurred in Hart, Oceana County, Mich., June 6th, 1881, to JOHN L. LAWN, who was born in Toronto, Canada, September 16th, 1857. His father died when he was but five years old. His education was obtained in Elbridge and Hart. His life has been passed on a farm and in steam mills. Before and since his marriage he has lived in Elbridge, Hart, Weare and Pentwater, Mich. They have four children.

KATIE MAY LAWN was born May 15th, 1882, in Hart, Oceana County, Mich.

ADA MARGARET LAWN, born in Hart, Mich., April 3d, 1884.

ALENA LOVINA LAWN was born in Weare, Mich., May 7th, 1885.

JAY OLIN LAWN was born in Weare, Oceana County, Mich., April 7th, 1887.

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A SON of Jonathan and Catherine Olin was born in Richland, Mich., September, 20th, 1862. Died in infancy.

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ALENA S. OLIN was born at Galesburg, Kalamazoo County, Mich., October 6th, 1866. Was but six months old when her parents moved to Hart, Oceana County, where her home has been nearly ever since. She there attended Union school, and from the time she was nine until fifteen years of age, her hours, when not employed in school, were passed in her mother's sick room. She then engaged in school teaching until she was

twenty, then attended the teachers' normal school about a year; then resumed teaching. About the spring of 1890 she began the study of stenography, and, since gaining a knowledge of it, has found employment in a law, loan and collecting agency's office in Hart, where her father resides.



3d. ROXEY ANN OLIN was born February 3d, 1836. Her home was with her parents during the entire years of her life, the latter part of which she was afflicted with poor health. February 2d, 1860, she was married to EMERY TENEyCK. At the time of their marriage he resided with his parents on a farm in the same town of Leicester. They did not begin house-keeping, but made their home with their parents during the following spring and early summer. August 16th, 1860, she died at her father's home in Leicester, and was buried at Perry Center.



4th. HIRAM OLIN was born in Perry, Wyoming County, N. Y., November 19th, 1837. He remained with his father on the farm in Perry until the spring of 1849 when they removed into the adjoining town of Leicester onto another farm. In the spring of 1853, in company with his brother Jonathan and sister Cordelia, they went with a four-horse team to Streetsboro, Ohio, to work land of Samuel Olin that his father had engaged for that purpose. They worked through the summer and in the fall returned home and the following summer went back again to do the harvesting

of eighty-three acres of wheat which yielded well. After the harvest he returned to his home in Leicester, where for a few years more he was engaged upon his father's farm. His education was obtained principally at the district school, with an attendance of two winters at Perry Academy. He was married November 8th, 1859, at the home of his wife's parents in Castile, to LOIS TALLMAN, who was born in Castile, Wyoming County, N. Y., January 31st, 1838. Her father's farm was in the north part of town, only one-half mile from the south line of Perry. Her grandfather and grandmother Tallman came from Delaware County, N. Y., and settled in Castile when that country was very new. The old homestead was her father's home, also her home until her marriage. In obtaining her education she patronized the district school, select-school in Castile, also Perry Academy one season. After their marriage they started the same day for Ann Arbor, Mich., in company with his brother Jonathan and wife. It being rather late in the season for such traveling, yet as the weather looked favorable, they decided to try the lake from Buffalo to Detroit, but soon after starting out a terrible storm arose and they were forced to make headway against a fearful gale; for five and a half hours they were tossed about upon the waves of Lake Erie before entering Detroit; themselves and teams much the worse for their late experience. Upon their arrival in Michigan they first engaged in working a large farm one mile north of the town of Ann Arbor for one and a half years. In the spring of 1861 they moved into the town of Ross, Kalamazoo County, and bought thirty-three acres of wild land in company with his brother John. This they worked on one year; he then bought his brother's interest and continued to work on his place one year longer, then



sold out. Soon after he bought a place in the north part of Comstock, on which he lived nine years, engaged in hop-raising and other farm work. In the spring of 1872 he again sold and purchased a place of 80 acres in the town of Richland, Kalamazoo County, where he has ever since been engaged in farming operations. They have had two children.

LILLIE EDITH OLIN, born February 2d, 1861, died May 4th, 1866, buried in Richland County.

FRANK H. OLIN was born in Comstock, Kalamazoo County, Mich., April 5th, 1866. Remained with his father and engaged in farm work until he was twenty years old. He was educated at the district schools, with three winters attendance at Richland Seminary and then some five terms at Normal School at Valparaiso, Ind., where he made a specialty of the studies of penmanship with short-hand and type-writing. Engaging in business for himself, he began at short-hand work in offices in Kalamazoo where he labored somewhat over a year; then obtained a position with Medical Superintendent of Traverse City Asylum, where he remained about a year. The two years following he was engaged principally in type-writing work in Kalamazoo offices the greater part of the time. In the spring of 1890 he purchased a farm of 80 acres adjoining his father's place and since then has devoted the greater part of his time and attention to the management of his place. He was married June 7th, 1887, to MAGGIE I. MADILL at her mother's home in Kalamazoo, Mich. She was born in Shelburne, Ontario County, Canada, December 17th, 1869. Her father died before she was nine years old. Soon after her mother removed to Kalamazoo, which was her home until her marriage. She had the privilege of attending the union schools in Kalamazoo. They have three children.

VERB H. OLIN was born June 3d, 1888, in Kalamazoo, Mich.

EARL T. OLIN was born in Kalamazoo, Mich., December 19th, 1889.

VERA OLIN was born in Kalamazoo, Mich., April 14th, 1891.



5th. JOHN T. OLIN was born while his parents were living in the township of Perry, Wyoming County, N. Y., January 1st, 1840. His early life was an uneventful one, it being passed at home upon the farm. His advantages for schooling were about the same as the farmer boys of those times. When his father moved to Michigan in 1860 he drove one of the teams that was loaded with the household effects. The spring following his arrival in Michigan in company with his brother Hiram, bought a piece of new land in Ross township and then proceeded to clear it of the timber. He kept his land but a few months then sold to his brother; then bought a piece of eighty acres in the south part of Richland which he kept but a short time. He then hired out to work for Asa Stratton where he passed the summer.

In the fall of 1862 he made a trip into Illinois assisting in driving cattle, returned the following winter. During the summer of 1863 he worked a farm of Dr. Adams in Comstock on shares. The summer of 1864 he again worked by the month for Asa Stratton, and before the contract was completed he entered into another with MISS JANE A. ODELL, which was to continue for life. They were married in Galesburg, Mich., June 19th, 1864. She was born in the township of Comstock, Kalamazoo County, Mich., March 9th, 1846. Her early years were passed in Galesburg and vicinity

where she had the benefit of the common schools. The next four years after their marriage he was working land on shares in the vicinity of Galesburg, Mich. The farm of Mr. Chapin he worked in the summer of 1865; the next year and a half was working land belonging to his father-in-law. In the spring of 1868 he left Michigan and moved to Blair township, Benton County, Iowa, where he bought eighty acres of prairie land upon which he lived two years and a half, then sold and moved to Topeka, Kansas, at which place he lived one year, then moved into Fairview, Butler County, Kansas and took up a government homestead on which he lived three years. His pioneer life in Kansas was one of considerable privation and necessary close economy. By the time his little prairie home was built, a few articles of furniture and some farming utensils purchased, his means were about exhausted and it was then necessary to rely upon what little teaming and job work he could find to do until the ground could be broken, crops planted and the harvest gathered, which many times were very uncertain in case of the first two or three years' crops on the upland where he was located. His experience was like that of many others who settled in Kansas in its early days. In September, 1874, he returned to Michigan after disposing of his western land, and lived in a house, owned by Alonzo Olin, and situated in the northwest corner of Charleston. In the spring following he moved into a house owned by Mr. Chadwick in North Comstock, where they lived until the death of his wife, February 13th, 1877. The season following he worked for his brother Arvin until September, when he began working for a railroad company in whose employ he continued as long as his health would permit.

The second Olin re-union in Ohio in 1887 he attended; though feeble in health greatly enjoyed it. The last

summer of his life, though confined to his bed, he enjoyed the thought that he might be able to attend the third re-union in Perry, N. Y. He wanted again to look upon the scenes of his youth and visit once more his birth-place. He thought if he were only able to ride, his friends would assist him on the journey, so he could be present to enjoy the pleasure of mingling with his friends on the shore of Silver Lake, but his fond hopes were in vain, for ere the time of meeting came, he had gone upon a journey that did not take him to the dear old home of his youth, but to another land from which no traveler returns. Realizing that life was drawing to a close, he made preparation for the final change, and when the summons came, he yielded in meek submission believing that all was well. He died in his home in Kalamazoo, Mich., on Sunday morning, August 19th, 1888; was buried near Galesburg. They were the parents of three children.

NORA L. OLIN was born in Comstock, Mich., May 29th, 1865; died March 9th, 1866; was buried in Richland cemetery.

MARY P. OLIN was born December 1st, 1868, in Benton County, Iowa. She accompanied her father in his journey and stay in Kansas, and was with him on his return to Michigan; was a member of his home until it was broken up by his death. Since then she has found one with her near relatives in Michigan. Has been living for some time with her aunt, Mary Carson, in Galesburg.

DORA C. OLIN was born December 5th, 1870, at Silver Lake, Shawnee County, Kan. Since her father's death she has lived in Kalamazoo, where she found employment in the homes of private families.

6th. ARVIN OLIN was born in Perry, Wyoming County, N. Y., March 25th, 1842, where he lived for a few years with his parents, they then moved their family onto another farm in Leicester, where they remained until late in the fall of 1860, then moved into Michigan. He passed the years of boyhood upon his father's farm and had the usual privileges of attending the common schools, although it was necessary at times to attend closely to the business of the farm and work early and late; yet he had many hours of pleasant recreation, and the memory of his childhoods home, and the happy days spent in the society of those near and dear friends, still lingers and produces many pleasing thoughts, though sad.

In his early history there seems but little of interest to note outside the ordinary course of events. All his interests seemed centered in and about his home, where he was usually found, faithful and attentive to his duties and trusts, and in so doing he simply followed the lessons taught in the home, both in precept and example.

In the autumn of 1860, his father having disposed of his farm in York State, moved with his family to Michigan, stopping the first winter at Galesburg where the subject of this sketch attended school. In the spring following, his father having bought a farm in the south part of Ross, Kalamazoo County, moved onto it where he remained one year, then made an exchange for one of 160 acres in the south part of Richland, where he then moved and remained until his death in 1865. His father's home had always been his home, as he had never left it; he was twenty-three at the time of his father's death, when the responsibility was placed upon him of discharging the obligations against the home and to pay to the other members of the family their part of the inheritance. His mother had a home with him

twenty-two years; though feeble in body and poor in health, her every want was supplied and everything provided that would add to her comfort. December 19th, 1867, he was married in Streetsboro, Ohio, to MRS. ELIZABETH ROBERTSON. She was a daughter of John Thompson, and was born in Streetsboro, Portage County, Ohio, October 3d, 1842. Her former husband enlisted during the late war, and was killed while in active duty. Soon after their marriage they returned to his home in Michigan, where they have ever since resided. They have, in the meantime, built a fine house and other buildings and have surrounded themselves with many of the comforts of life. They have two children.

HELEN P. OLIN was born October 14th, 1870, in Richland, Kalamazoo County, Mich. She continued to reside with her parents until her marriage, receiving her education at the district school in the neighborhood. April 13th, 1892, she was married at the home of her parents in Richland to JOEL A. WIXSON, who was born in Wakeshma, Kalamazoo County, Mich., October 16th, 1869. His father was a farmer, but died when his son was a year and a half old. He then remained on the place with his mother until her death, which sad event occurred when he was only seven years old. Bereft of both parents he then sought a home with a half-brother in the village of Athens, Calhoun County, where he remained about six years. He then engaged in working out on a farm through the summer, and in winter attended school. A few summers he was thus engaged in the vicinity of Galesburg, where he attended school a few terms. September 18th, 1888, he engaged as clerk for Schroder & Olin in their general store and continued with them about two years and a half. Since then he has not been confined to any particular line of business or

work, but engaged in whatever offered satisfactory compensation. Immediately after their marriage they moved into Galesburg, where he is employed by Townsend & Zinn in their flouring mill.

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GERTRUDE OLIN was born in Richland, Kalamazoo County, Mich., November 21st, 1874. She has recently finished her attendance at school in Galesburg, where she passed a few terms, in addition to that of the district school near her home.



7th. MARY B. OLIN, the youngest of Heman Olin's children, was born August 26th, 1846, in Perry, Wyoming County, N. Y., where she lived about three years; then lived with her parents in her home in Leicester. Was fourteen years old when her father moved to Michigan, but during those fourteen years her life was a merry one. Being the youngest of the family she had but few contending cares, and but few restraining influences were placed upon her. Thus left to enjoy her young life she made the most of it, and now in later life looks back to those times as a period filled full of pleasure and happiness. Then it was her delight to mount upon the back of a frisky colt and ride about the fields until she was tired, or else harness it and take an exciting drive of a few miles. When there was a yoke of steers to be broken, she was ready to take an active part and share in the exciting sport. On one occasion when her brother drove a yoke of steers to the woods after a sled load of wood she, as usual, went along to enjoy a

sleigh ride, but on returning the steers became unmanageable, broke away from their driver and away they ran with her upon the load laughing and swinging her bonnet to see the little fellows scamper. Fortunately, no damage was done and she escaped unhurt. After her father went to Michigan, he lived for a time near Howlandsburg, at which place she attended school two winters, and while attending that school she had for a schoolmate a young man who enjoyed her society so much proposed that they become life-mates as well, consequently on January 1st, 1865, she was married at her father's home in Richland, to ISAAC N. CARSON, whose native place is Berlin, Mohoning County, Ohio, where he was born August 4th, 1844. He lived there with his parents until August, 1853, when they moved onto a farm in Ross township near Howlandsburg, Mich., which place was his home until he was married. They then lived for a year on a farm in Richland owned by his father, which he rented. He then, in company with his brother-in-law W. W. Olin, bought the farm which they worked together about two years; then he sold to his partner and bought a piece of fifty-eight acres of his father near Howlandsburg. On this land he built a house and other buildings, set out a fine orchard and otherwise improved it. They remained there until the spring of 1879 when they moved into the town of Hope, Barry County, onto a farm of 120 acres. They remained there two years when, upon selling out, they removed to Galesburg in the spring of 1881. They lived there until autumn of the same year, and having bought a farm one-half mile south of Howlandsburg they removed there and remained until the spring of 1883, when they again sold out and bought an interest in the grist-mill in Galesburg, where they lived during the next year. In the spring of 1884 he sold his interest in the mill, and then loading



their goods into a car he went with them to Butler County, Kan., where he purchased a quarter section of land. His family soon after joining him, they built a little house upon their prairie farm and made their home there for the next two and a half years. In the fall of 1886 they sold out and returned to visit their friends and acquaintances in Michigan, where they have since bought a home in Galesburg and again found employment in the mill for a time; then purchased an interest in a market in the village which he continued for some time; then sold, and purchased an interest in the mill again, which was again sold in the summer of 1891 when he obtained a book and stationery store which he is now carrying on in Galesburg. They have four children.

JENNIE MAY CARSON was born in Richland, Kalamazoo County, Mich., January 14th, 1866. She had, during her early years, a pleasant home with her parents, to which she was always a welcomed member. Her education was obtained at the district schools with a few terms at Galesburg union school. Engaged some in working out by the week before leaving home. Accompanied her parents to their new home in Kansas, where she was married at the home of her parents in Plum Grove Township, Butter County, April 7th, 1886, to EDWARD A. HAWLEY, who was born in Haverhill, Mass., July 14th, 1858. Was some four or five years old when his parents moved to Lynn, same state, where they lived until he was eleven years old. He then went to Berry, Canada, and lived two years with an aunt and went to school, then returned home. About a year after his parents started for the west, stopping a few months in Chicago and Emporia, and entered El Dorado, Kansas, in November, 1870, where he remained with his parents until he began business for himself. Attended the El Dorado schools after his arrival there. Began

receiving wages for himself when he was about eighteen years old. He first worked two years upon his father's farm, then entered printing office in El Dorado, where he remained a year then returned to the farm which he worked for his father another year. His father having purchased a book store in town, he assisted him in it about four years, and was married while yet engaged there. A few months after, his father sold the store. He then moved to Newton, Kansas, where they began housekeeping, while he engaged in the meat-market business about a year, then returned to El Dorado and engaged in work in a grocery store until his removal to Galesburg, Mich., in June, 1888, when he engaged as clerk with Schroder & Olin, and has remained with them ever since. They have three children.

EDWARD CARSON HAWLEY was born in El Dorado, Butter County, Kansas, December 30th, 1887. LEDA, AUGUSTA and VEDA MARY HAWLEY were born in Galesburg, Kalamazoo County, Mich., June 11th, 1892.

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LESTER S. CARSON was born September 8th, 1867, in Richland, Kalamazoo County, Mich. Was about three years old when his parents moved into the township of Ross, at Howlandsburg, same county where he lived until he was twelve years old. He then accompanied them to their home in Barry County, where he lived two years; then returned and worked for his uncle, Arvin Olin, two years; then joined his parents in their home in Galesburg, where he attended school. In the spring of 1884, he worked out for a time on a farm; then joined his parents in their Kansas home, in Butler County, where he was engaged most of the time in farming, until his return to Galesburg in the spring of 1887.

He was then engaged in farming again for a time, then assisted his father in the market business, after which he worked at machinist's trade, in Kalamazoo, two years. While thus engaged he was married October 3d, 1889, to MARY E. SCHRODER at her home in Galesburg, Mich. She was born October 26th, 1869, in Kalamazoo County, Mich.; was soon after adopted by John and Mary E. Schroder of Comstock, with whom her home has been ever since until her marriage. Her education was obtained at the Galesburg union school. After their marriage they began housekeeping in Kalamazoo where they remained about six months, when they removed to Galesburg, where he engaged in working on a farm one season. In January, 1891, they removed to Comstock, and engaged in the butchering and market business six months; then secured a position with the Kimball Engine Co., of the same place where he continues to reside. Ill health greatly interferes with their progress in life, as both have of late been quite severely afflicted. They have one daughter.

LULA BERNICE CARSON, born in Comstock, Kalamazoo County, Mich., January 9th, 1892.

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CHARLES C. CARSON was born in Richland, Kalamazoo County, Mich., March 30th, 1869. He remained with his parents upon the farm until he was about eighteen years old, then worked for his uncle, Arvin Olin, on the farm until his marriage, which occurred September 25th, 1890, to BELLE PENDILL at her home in Prairieville. She was born December 22d, 1870, in Prairieville, Barry County, Mich., where she continued to reside in her father's home until her marriage. They then removed to Kent, Ohio, where he was engaged in the coal business.

Some changes being made by death in her father's family, April 11th, 1891, they returned to her father's homestead which he was engaged in working the following season. A division of her father's property being made they removed, in the fall of 1891, to their part of the inheritance in Emmet township, near Battle Creek, Mich., where they now reside and are engaged in carrying on their place.

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ALBERT O. CARSON was born February 5th, 1879, in Ross, Kalamazoo County, Mich.; is now living with his parents in Galesburg, where he attends the union school.







TRUMAN OLIN.





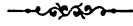
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## DIVISION 12.



# Families and Descendants OF TRUMAN OLIN BRANCH.



TRUMAN OLIN, the ninth son of Ezra and Ruth Olin, was born in Shaftsbury, Vermont, October 16th, 1810, where the first thirteen years of his life were spent in his Green Mountain home. At a very early age, about as soon as he could sit on a horse cleverly, he learned what it was to work. Many a weary hour was thus spent in riding a horse while an older member of the family held the plow. Hard work seemed to be his fortune and he entered upon his inheritance at the very beginning of life. When not needed at home he was often helping a neighbor, always busy, something to do. The active exercise he then experienced gave him a hearty appetite for the extra nice—as he then thought—puddings and pies that his employer's wife placed before him at meal times. It was of little consequence to him what the style or quality of his clothing was if his pants and vest were only near neighbors, he worked on with a will fitting himself for those active duties which he should participate in later in life. In 1824 the old home was sold and a new one was sought in the west where other members of the

family had already gone to prepare for their reception. In early summer of that year his mother and three sisters, Mariah, Mary Ann and Almira and himself bade adieu to the old familiar scenes of childhood and started out on their journey for their new home in Perry, then Genesee County, N. Y., which they accomplished in a few days, travel by wagon, canal and on foot. His advantages for education were limited, but he improved the few privileges he did have to the best of his ability. Very early in life he exhibited a strong desire for acquiring knowledge. The first money he ever called his own, was obtained by taking a hoe into the field and with it loosened the earth ready for the seed, then put in some wheat and afterward reaped the harvest which he sold for one dollar; that dollar was used in purchasing a dictionary, which has been so well preserved that it may be seen at this time in a good state of preservation, and is in the possession of his grandchildren. Many times he has risen early in the morning, built a fire in the old-fashioned fireplace, seated himself on the hearth and studied by the light thus obtained until other duties called him away. By improving his spare time in this way, he was prepared to teach school when he was nineteen years old, which was in 1829 he taught one term in Moscow. August 28th, 1834; he and MISS BETSY HOYT entered into a life partnership, each to share the others joys and sorrows and to assist in the domestic affairs of life.

They were married in the town of Castile, Wyoming County, N. Y., by Colonel Landin, a justice of the peace. She was born in Decatur, Otsego County, N. Y., April 9th, 1814. Her father moved into Perry, N. Y., when she was only three years old, and took up a piece of fifty acres and paid for it as best he could. At one time while assisting in raising a log school-house he had the misfortune to have one of his limbs broken. Such

trouble seems never to come single, for while yet confined to his home with his broken limb a neighbor borrowed his team to go to Syracuse for a load of salt, and after he had gone, from some cause the team ran away and he never afterward saw it again. So upon his recovery he had to go to work again and get another team. Her school privileges were very limited, only a few terms at district school before she went away from home at the age of thirteen to earn her own living, as it were. Two years she worked for Asa Olin's family before she was married.

The first two years after their marriage were passed in working his father's farm in Perry; he had in the meantime bought an adjoining thirty acres. At the end of the two years that he worked his father's place he sold his land to his brother Asa, and found that he had one thousand dollars and his team, with which they moved to Ohio, where he lived with his sister, Ruth Stratton, three months. Not being fully satisfied with the Buckeye State he decided to return to New York, where he bought back the thirty acres, he sold to his brother. Soon afterward he ventured to purchase his father's farm of fifty acres, and a few years later he added sixty acres more to what he already had. Carefulness, economy and energy marked his every step onward, and as time passed, more and more land was added until his farm numbered four hundred acres.

In 1858 when his son German was married he gave him a farm of 100 acres, sold another farm of 100 acres and kept the remainder while he lived. He spent hundreds of dollars in improvements on the buildings and on the land; he made beautiful fields of the marsh and forest, thus making the waste place contribute to the sustenance of man. January 7th, 1875, he entered into company with Wycoff and Tuttle in Perry village in the

Royce Reaper Works which proved a source of great revenue to him, but disease had already fastened upon him; his energetic spirit kept him at work long after he ceased to be strong and vigorous. He began to realize that his life-work was nearly ended and he sought to arrange his business accordingly. About the last work of which he had personal oversight was the building of a nice cozy residence in town near his children. This he enjoyed only a few month before his death. He moved into his new home, November 19th, 1881, and on March 23d, 1882, he exchanged it for a more beautiful and better one in that heavenly city, where "many mansions be."

Surrounded by loving friends and his faithful wife who has ever been constant and true, his last hours were made pleasant by their kind attention in administering to his every want. Amid all the comforts and many of the luxuries of this life he did not forget to prepare for the call that should summon him to a home beyond; that call he cheerfully obeyed and now awaits to welcome others to a glorious reunion over there. From a paper printed in his Perry home the following was taken:

"In the death of Truman Olin, Perry loses a citizen highly respected and much esteemed by all who knew him. He was a diligent and successful man of business, one of few words yet much quiet power. He contributed liberally to the support of the Presbyterian Church, remembering it with a special gift for the improvement of the chapel, when a few years ago the church edifice was repaired. Shortly before his death he gave the sum of \$1,500 for the purposé of the parsonage. His unobtrusive generosity will long be gratefully remembered by the church society there. Mr. Olin was sustained by a Christian trust during his last days and looked forward to the near approach of death with composure." A

large monument in the cemetery at Perry village marks the spot where he was laid to rest. Truman and Betsy Olin were the parents of three children.

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1st. GERMAN B. OLIN was born in Perry, Wyoming County, N. Y., April 6th, 1837. His early years were passed on his father's farm in Perry. His education was not neglected, for, after the usual course at the district school he attended at Perry Center and upon the completion of the academy at the village he was an attendant there some two winters. When he was eighteen he taught a select school in Castile; many times he walked the distance of several miles between his home and school. Many of his scholars were much older than himself, yet he performed his work very successfully. He then attended at Lima, Livingston County, one year; then entered Andover college intending to take a regular course but his health failing he was obliged to give up his school, and returned home and assisted his father on the farm. May 27th, 1858 he was married in the Congregational Church in Perry, N. Y., to MARY JACKSON MARTIN, who was born in Perry, Wyoming County, N. Y., May 31st, 1836. Her parents were among the early settlers of the town, coming from the eastern part of the state. Their family consisted of two daughters and one son. She was educated at the district school, Lima high school, academy at Perry Center and finished at Ingham University in Leroy, N. Y. After their marriage they settled on the farm he obtained of his father on which they resided eight years, then sold the farm and moved into Perry to live in 1866 and engaged in mercantile pursuits some two years, then became interested in the nursery business about three years. He then obtained some patents for a spring tooth harrow and organized a company in Perry for its manufacture

and sale. It proved to be a very profitable investment. About a year after entering upon this business his health failed, and with his wife traveled extensively in the west where it was hoped the mountain air might restore his impaired health. After a year spent in the west he returned home not much benefited. A few months before his death he concluded to try the effects of a milder climate so went south, but received no benefit but continued to decline until Easter Sabbath, April 17th, 1881, he died in Aiken, S. C., where he had been staying. When but a young man of eighteen he became greatly interested in religious subjects and at that age became a Christian and since then has contributed quite largely to the support of the church. In 1861 he and his wife joined the Congregational Church at Perry Center and since then he ever lived a consistent Christian life which seemed to develop more rapidly after he was taken sick in 1877. Since his death his wife has fitted up her home in Perry village more pleasantly, and with the means at her command has lightened the burden of many a friend, besides attending to the wants of the church and the Sabbath-school in which she is an active worker.



2d. HELEN OLIN was born in Perry, N. Y., February 9th, 1839; died January 16th, 1842; is buried in Perry cemetery.



3d. MILO H. OLIN was born in Perry, N. Y., December 3d, 1842, on the farm that his grandfather, Ezra Olin, Sr., first purchased on his arrival in Perry from his Ver-

mont home, in 1824. He lived upon the farm on which he was born until after his marriage. Like the great majority of children, in obtaining an education, he was first sent to the district school, which was followed by an attendance at Perry Academy, then the school at Wyoming and finally a term at Lima Seminary. After finishing his school he returned to the farm which he was engaged in working on shares when he was married at the home of his wife's parents in Perry, N. Y., on June 17th, 1873, to MARY A. CHAPIN, who was born June 23d, 1842, in the same home in Perry that she was afterward married in. She was of a family of six children; her parents were among the early settlers of the township. Her educational advantages were good; her home being in the village she had access to the usually good schools of the place. After their marriage they lived on the farm about two years, then moved into Perry village where he entered into the drug business, which he carried on some nine years. On account of failing health he returned to the farm for a time, but again returned to the village. While upon the farm, he one day received a sunstroke which made it a difficult matter for him to labor again in the sun. About the spring of 1873, he sold his interest in the "drug business," and was then engaged for a year in the book business. He next, in 1874, engaged in the furnace business, in Perry, which included the manufacture of farm implements, etc. The year following, the firm of Wyckoff, Tuttle & Olin was formed for manufacturing of farm implements, but more especially the Royce reaper. This business he was engaged in until 1882, when he sold out and engaged in hardware business, also in Perry, where has an interest in a large store. In November, 1885, he was elected president and general manager of the large knitting mill in Perry, which he is quite largely interested in; much of his time is

occupied in looking after the details of the work, procuring the raw material and placing upon the market the manufactured goods. In March, 1888, a new bank was organized in Perry, of which he was elected president, which office he still holds. Besides his other work he has the supervision and management of three different farms, aggregating 430 acres; he sometimes feels that his duties are most too numerous.

In the autumn of 1891 he received the nomination of the republican party for representative, or assembly man of his district, to which office he was later elected by a large majority, and now in the representative hall in Albany, he occupies the same desk that the late lamented William H. Olin of Oneonta, N. Y., occupied with so much ability. He was elected to the office of president of the third Olin reunion, which was held in Perry, N. Y., in the fall of 1888, and the group picture taken of those in attendance at that time, shows in the back ground his fine residence, which was completed in 1885, and which is still his home. At the fifth annual meeting or reunion of the Olin family, in Ohio, in 1890, he was again elected to the office of president of the next meeting of the family. They have four children.

MARY ELIZABETH OLIN was born in Perry, Wyoming County, N. Y., July 24th, 1864. Her home through the years of her childhood and youth and to the time of her marriage was continually with her parents, only a temporary residence elsewhere while she was away attending school or in some other engagements. Received a liberal education which was completed at Canandaigua, N. Y. The studies of music and painting received her attention while she yet remained at her parent's home. May 8th, 1889, she was married at the home of her parents in Perry, N. Y., to JAMES N. WYCKOFF who was born in Perry, Wyoming County, N. Y., November



9th, 1859. His whole life has been spent in Perry, principally, where he received the benefit of the good schools, graduating at the academy there; then took a course at Cornell University, after which he engaged in business in Perry, entering into that of manufacturing farm implements and machinery, the same in which Truman Olin was formerly engaged. He has completed, within a few years, a neat and convenient residence near her father's home in Perry, where they now reside. They have one daughter. ELIZABETH OLIN WYCKOFF, born in Perry, Wyoming County, N. Y., March 8th, 1890.

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CARRIE AMELIA OLIN was born in Perry, N. Y., December 21st, 1867. Since completing her school work, she has given much time to the study and practice of the art of painting, and had already completed in the spring of 1890 some very fine work; and was then attending and soon expected to graduate from Professor Wilder's Art School. Her home is still with her parents when not temporarily absent.

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WALTER TRUMAN OLIN was born in Perry, N. Y., June 8th, 1871. After finishing his school he entered his father's hardware store where he engaged in clerking, and, gaining an insight into that branch of business, he has recently been admitted as a partner in the store with his father and now gives his entire attention to the business. In the month of May, 1891, a destructive fire swept through the village of Perry; their store being in the path of the flames, suffered with the rest to the extent of several thousand dollars; their loss however was greatly relieved by the insurance upon it. The building was not so injured but what it could soon be

occupied, so new goods were at once purchased to take the place of those damaged and business was again resumed. Although greatly interested in his business in town, he delights occasionally in a drive to the old farm and pass a few hours with the many pets he has among the domestic animals there. His home is still with his parents in Perry Village.

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RICHARD MILO OLIN was born in Perry, Wyoming County, N. Y., May 23d, 1875. He is now engaged in securing an education at the school in the "village" where is located his home.

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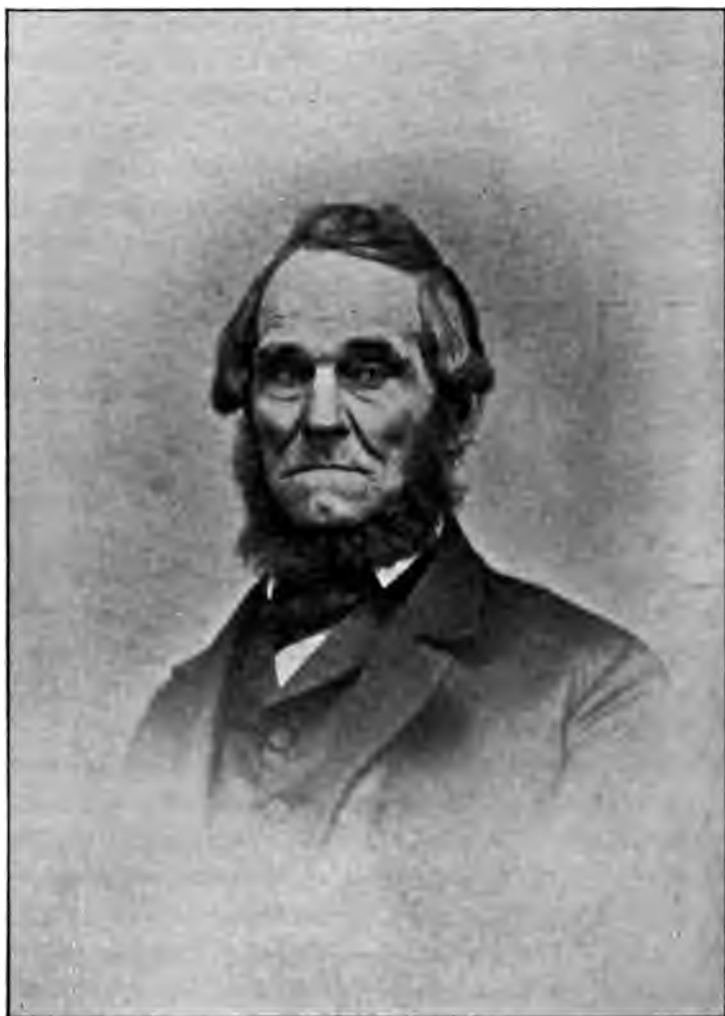
GERMAN LAURANCE OLIN was born April 19th, 1882, in Perry, Wyoming County, N. Y. Life is before him, and will open the pages on which he shall write his record, and stamp his character.







MARY ANNA OLIN-NYE.



JONATHAN NYE,





## DIVISION 13.

# Families and Descendants OF MARY ANN OLIN BRANCH.

MARY ANN OLIN was born in that New England home that nestled among the hills of Shaftsbury, Bennington County, Vt., May 12th, 1812. Her early life was passed in a similar manner to that of her sisters. She was expected to assist in the household duties when large enough, and early became familiar with the use of spinning wheel and loom, which she knew so well how to handle in after years. She lived in her Green Mountain home long enough to become familiar with many of its varied scenes, and was thus enabled in after life to tell to her children many stories connected with that wild and rocky country and of the hardships that many had to endure, having at that time recently entered the new state as settlers. Even the little children had their trials and troubles to contend with, as they had long and rough paths to the old schoolhouse in the severe and stormy weather, clad in their homespun garb, with their little baskets upon their arms containing their dinners of rye and Indian bread and butter, with perhaps a scanty addition of some other kind of provision. When a child could read, write and "cipher" a little, her education at

school was considered about completed. As time was too valuable, work was the order of those times and each one must do his or her part in helping to provide for the family. A little incident occurred one time near her Vermont home, after she became large enough to be sent on horseback to carry dinner to the men who were working in a distant field; as she was riding along she heard a sharp rattle and on looking about to her horror she spied a large rattlesnake coiled up ready for a spring. Her screams in her fright brought the men to her side, who quickly dispatched it. She never in after years forgot those feelings of her childish fear but would refer to the incident with a shudder. When she was twelve years old she left her mountain home forever and with her two sisters and a brother made the journey to Perry, N. Y., to live in the new home that her father had purchased there. For several years following her home was with her parents in Perry, and her time was passed in helping her mother in her household duties, and in spinning and weaving cloth. It was in this way she was enabled to obtain many of those things necessary in housekeeping, the duties of which she was afterward called upon to perform. Some of the silver spoons she then bought with money earned at her wheel and loom are still in the possession of some of her children, though over fifty years have since passed. In the spring of 1837 she had an opportunity of visiting her brothers and sisters who were living in Ohio, and while there at her brother Ezra's, who was then living in Franklin, there came a young man to his neighbor Olin's upon an errand. Something about him attracted her attention, and as he was then keeping "bachelor's hall" and sorely in need of a housekeeper, he naturally became interested in his neighbor's visitor; an acquaintance was thus formed, which ripened into a friendship that endured to the end



of life. She returned to her home some time in the summer, and the next few weeks was busy making preparations for her expected return to Ohio, though perhaps with feelings of sadness as she had seen all her brothers and sisters go out from that home, one by one, into homes of their own until she was left alone with her parents. One early September day her expected western friend was announced, and soon after, on September 10th, 1837, she was married at the home of her parents in Perry, N. Y., to JONATHAN NYE, who was born in Chester, Hamblen County, Mass., April 13th, 1808. It is said that his *great-great-grandfather* came from England in a very early day. His *great-grandfather* was born in Rhode Island; also his grandfather, James Nye, who married Sarah Clark. His father George Nye was born in Rhode Island February 4th, 1780, and was married in Rhode Island November 25th, 1799, to Judith Clark, who was born in Charleston, R. I., July 31st, 1784. In the fall of 1802 they moved with oxen and cart into Blandford, Mass., but soon after moved into Chester, same county, where they lived eight years, then removed back to Blandford and afterward into the adjoining town of Tolland, where the father George Nye died December 8th, 1837. His wife then made her home with her youngest son, N. Barber Nye, until her death, November 15th, 1875; was buried by the side of her husband in East Otis, Mass.

The subject of this sketch was one of a family of thirteen children. He remained with his parents until he was about nine years old, then went to live with a farmer by the name of David Parks, not far from his father's home. He there remained until he was past twenty-one years of age. Those years of his life were employed in earnest labor upon a farm on the New England hills. In the winter season some leisure was

obtained in which he might attend the district school, but the long distance to be traveled, and the numerous chores to be done before he could be spared, made it difficult for anything like a regular attendance, which in turn produced a corresponding effect in the amount of knowledge gained. The winter season also offered an opportunity for earning a little spending money besides engaging in the fine sport of fox hunting, in which he gained quite a reputation, especially in the minds of his children, when in after years he would repeat, in answer to their earnest solicitation, some of his experiences as fox hunter. When he was about twenty-five years old he made a trip west into Fairfield County, Ohio, where his brother-in-law, Elijah Gove, was living and engaged in business; he remained and worked for him for a time, then went further north into Portage County, where his uncle, Barber Clark, was living. Being well pleased with the looks of the country there, he finally purchased a farm in the north part of Franklin, where he was living at the time of his marriage, and where they afterward resided four years in a little log house which stood nearly opposite the one he afterward built, in which they lived three years, or until the spring of 1844, when they sold out and purchased a place of seventy-five acres nearer town, where they lived together the next twelve and a half years. It required much labor to finish clearing the land which had some improvements upon it; the old house was replaced by a new and better one in the summer of 1854, yet it was not enjoyed a great while by the one who was to occupy it, and who had looked forward to the time of its completion with a great deal of pleasure. Failing health had long rendered her at times incapable of performing her necessary household duties, but that cheerfulness of spirit did not even then forsake her but seemed to surround her presence like a

halo, making her home a pleasant and attractive one long after her feeble hands were unable to do their accustomed work. During the last years of her life she was usually employed, when able to do so, in making something useful and needful in her home. Many were the neatly constructed quilts she left as evidence of fine taste and skilled handiwork. Sometimes while seated in her old armchair in the corner, in order to test the affection of her children, she would say to them: "Ah! well, I don't see that I am of any more use; I might as well be out of the way as to be here;" but when assured that her presence, and the influence of her life, as well as the love she had for her children, richly repaid them for all the steps required in attending to her wants, she seemed to feel that she possessed the love and gratitude of her family and was willing to bear her afflictions patiently for their sake.

September 26th, 1856, in the noontide of life, and while the descending sun cast its lingering rays upon the fading earth, her spirit winged its flight and that wearied form was forever at rest. She was buried by the side of her two children, who had gone before, in a little yard near Brady Lake, in Franklin. Twenty-five years afterward, her remains with those of her children were removed and placed by the side of her husband who was then buried in a cemetery near Galesburg, Mich., and who had after his wife's death married again; remained on the old place a year and a half longer, then sold it and removed to Ashtabula County, same state, where he lived on a farm nearly eighteen years, then sold again and removed to Galesburg, Mich., where he purchased a home in the edge of town, and there resided nearly four years, or until October 31st, 1879, when the final summons came. They were the parents of five children.

1st. EZRA OLIN NYE was born in Franklin, Portage County, O., June 17th, 1839. His first home was the little old log house his parents were then occupying and also where they first began housekeeping. They soon after moved into their new house across the way and afterward to the home near the "forks" of the road north of Kent. The farm gave him employment in his early years, and he has ever since given that branch of business his entire attention. He accompanied his father into Trumbull, Ashtabula County, upon his removal in the fall of 1858 and remained with him there nearly two years longer, helping with the farmwork and attending school winters.

June 5th, 1860, he was married in Windsor, O., to MARINA A. CHILSON, who was born in the township of Trumbull, Ashtabula County, O., September 30th, 1838. She was the eldest daughter of George and Fidelia Chilson, who were long time residents of Trumbull, where on the farm all their children were born and reared. Her home was with her parents the greater part of her early life. When fifteen years old she went to live a year with an aunt in Fredonia, N. Y. Her education was mostly obtained at the common schools; attended Rock Creek high school one term. When she was sixteen she taught her first term of school, which was followed by three other terms, one of which was taught in Windsor, O. Soon after their marriage they began housekeeping on a rented place near his father's home in Trumbull, where they lived nearly two years, or until January, 1862, when he loaded a few things upon a wagon and started for Michigan, making a stopping place at his uncle, Heman Olin's, in Richland, until he purchased an eighty acre piece of new land in Alamo, Kalamazoo County, for which he was to pay \$560. He began at once to build a small house, which he com-

pleted by the first of April, following; when his family having arrived from Ohio, they moved into their new home in the woods, where the work of clearing began. He succeeded in getting in two acres of spring crops. The summer was passed on his place until August 9th, 1862, when he enlisted in Company K, 19th Michigan Infantry, to serve three years or during the war. Was mustered into the United States service at Dowagiac, Mich., September 5th, 1862. From there they were sent into the Army of the Cumberland, and were in the battle of Thompson's Station, Tenn., March 5th, 1863, where he with his regiment were captured and taken to Richmond, Va., where for nine days he was incarcerated in Libby Prison. Was then paroled and sent through the lines to Camp Chase, Ohio, March 31st, 1863. On June 8th, following, his regiment was again ready for action and again started forward, stopping at McMinnville, Tenn., six months. Then started on the Georgia campaign, May 2d, 1864. Was in the battle of Resaca, Ga., May 15th, 1864, where his company had five wounded. Also the battle of Cassville, followed by the battle of New Hope Church, May 25th, 1864, where his company lost seven severely wounded. Soon after he participated in the battles of Kenesaw Mountain, Golgotha, and Culp's Farm, June 22d, 1864, where his company lost two wounded. Soon after was in the engagement of Peach Tree Creek, and took part in the siege of Atlanta, where he entered with his company, September 2d, 1864. Was at Savannah, Ga., December 21st, and Columbus, S. C., February 15th, 1865. Also the battle of Averysboro, N. C., March 16th, 1865, where his company lost one killed and one wounded. This was followed by the battle of Bentonville, N. C., and Goldsboro, March 24th, and Raleigh, April 13th, 1865. On May 13th, was in Rich-

mond, Va., and on the 24th of same month was in Washington. Received his discharge from the service June 10th, 1865, near Washington, D. C. He then returned to his home in Alamo, Mich., and resumed the clearing and cultivation which engaged his attention the next few years. In June, 1870, he sold his farm, then prepared a cover to his wagon, and with a few of his effects, started with two of his children for the West, where after thirty days' travel he halted at Clinton, Mo., where his brother James was then living. A few weeks later, in company with both of his brothers, started farther west seeking a government homestead. After a search of ten days or more a claim was filed in the Augusta Land Office for a quarter section in what is now Fairview, Butler County, Kansas. He soon took possession of his land and began improvements, and has continued to reside upon it ever since with varied success. Being one of the first settlers in the township, he at once took an active interest in its advancement and prosperity. Has been elected to fill some of the township offices, and gave some of his land upon which to build the first church erected in the township, and continues to hold a prominent position in the society which owns and controls it. They have four children.

MARY FIDELIA NYE was born November 18th, 1861, in Trumbull, Ashtabula County, Ohio, where she lived with her parents until their removal to Alamo, Mich. She was but nine months old when her father enlisted in the army. While he was from home she was with her mother in the different places that was her home, until her father's return. When her father went to the West she accompanied him on his journey in the covered wagon, which she greatly enjoyed. She improved her educational advantages and when in her twentieth year, went to Galesburg, Mich., and remained with her uncle's

family and taught two terms of school there. In the early winter of the same year, she returned to her Kansas home and attended two terms of school in Eldorado. The winter following she taught a term in Murdock township, in Butler County, and after a short vacation taught a term in Towanda, same county, which was followed by a six months' term in Murdock again, and then a term in Benton. December 6th, 1884, she was married at her father's home in Fairview, Kans., to SAMUEL H. LONGSTRETH, who was born July 14th, 1859, in Bairfield, Perry County, O., where he lived on a farm until he was eight years old; then his parents moved to Patascala, same state, and there remained one year; then removed to Spring Hill, Johnson County, Kans., and during the year they lived there a farm was purchased just over the line in Miami County, same state. His education was obtained at the district school which he attended until he was fourteen years old, when his father died; after which he attended school but one term. He being the oldest son in the family it naturally fell upon him to fill as far as possible, the father's place, which trust he faithfully performed thirteen years. Was married two years before leaving the old home. About the first of March, 1887, they moved on to a rented farm in Butler County, Kans., which he worked two years; then moved on to another rented one in an adjoining town where they are at present located. They have four children.

CLARA LONGSTRETH.—Born in Marysville, Miami County, Kans., September 26th, 1885.

GEORGE C. LONGSTRETH was born October 9th, 1886, in Marysville, Miami County, Kan.

CARLE H. LONGSTRETH was born in Murdock, Butler County, Kan., February 3d, 1888.

GRACE LONGSTRETH was born May 31st, 1890, in Plum Grove township, Butler County, Kans.

LINNIE ADELL NYE was born in Alamo, Kalamazoo County, Mich., April 8th, 1866. During the early years of her life her health was very delicate, so that she labored under great difficulty in obtaining an education. At times she could attend school but a few days before she was obliged to remain at home again. After she was fourteen she attended Union school in Eldorado two months, and with the knowledge gained at the district school she taught a term of school near her home in the winter of 1883 and 1884. The spring following she attempted to resume school in Eldorado, but failing health obliged her to give it up altogether; she then returned home where she remained until her marriage, which occurred at her father's home in Fairview, Kans., October 17th, 1886, to HOMER BLICK, who was born January 22d, 1865, in Nevada, Story County, Iowa, where he lived until August, 1868, when his parents removed to Clinton, Iowa, and there remained until the summer of 1879. During those years he attended school, but his health failing he left school, and for the next two years was in Kansas and Missouri where he was engaged in any kind of work that gave him healthy exercise and added something to his finances. He worked considerably for cattle companies in Missouri. His parents, having moved into Adams County, Iowa, on to a farm, he returned there and assisted in the farm work until the spring of 1884, when the farm was sold and the family removed to Butler County, Kans. Having learned the plasterer's trade he worked some at that, and then rented a farm one season. He taught his first term of school in the winter of 1886 and 1887. The spring following their marriage they began housekeeping in Eldorado. As he engaged in school teaching the following winter, his wife returned to board with her father's family until the close of his school in the spring, when they resumed



housekeeping in Eldorado where they were afterward engaged in grocery business for a time. In the fall of 1890, went into Colorado to teach, but being too late to obtain a school worked in the mines a few weeks, then returned and worked his father-in-law's farm one summer, then engaged in teaching school in Towanda. Has now taught four terms with good success. They have two children.

FRED BLICK, born in Fairview, Butler County, Kans., February 15th, 1888.

MINA BLICK was born December 9th, 1889, in the city of Eldorado, Butler County, Kans.

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NEWEL PARKE NYE was born August 22d, 1867, in Alamo, Kalamazoo County, Mich. When his father sold out in 1870, he bore him company on his trip west in the covered wagon, was rather too young to enjoy it, and was very sick at one time while on the way. His home was with his parents in "Sunny Kansas" the greater part of his early life up to the time of his marriage; was an attendant at the district school, also a few months at Union school in Galesburg, Mich., during the winter of 1888 and 1889, and the spring following, when he made his home with an uncle; he also worked on a farm there after his attendance at school ceased. He returned to Kansas in the autumn of 1889. After attending the 4th Olin Reunion at Galesburg, Mich., October 12th, 1890, he was married at the residence of his wife's sister in Eldorado, Kans., to LIZZIE WINN, who was born in Liverpool, England, Sept. 28th, 1868; when two years old her parents left her native land and sought a home in the new world, stopping first one year in Indiana, then removed to Greenwood County, Kans.,

some ten miles west of Eureka on Fall river, where they lived ten years on a farm, then removed just over the line into Butler County. When but six years old her mother died; four years afterward her father married again. In those early years of her life she attended school, and sometimes during the summer season helped her sister in looking after and watching her father's sheep as they were feeding upon the prairies. Three years previous to her marriage she made her home with an older married sister in Eldorado. They began house-keeping on a farm southwest of Eldorado where he engaged to work by the month on the farm. They have one daughter, BEULAH NYE, born August 10, 1891, at Sutton Branch, Eldorado Township, Kans.

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AVA LELLIE NYE was born in Alamo, Kalamazoo County, Mich., October 5th, 1868. After the home was sold in Michigan, she accompanied her mother to Ohio, where they remained some three months, then started for Clinton, Mo., where her father was awaiting them; soon after their arrival he proceeded on a prospecting trip into Kansas, and having there found a suitable place, returned for his family and took them to their new Kansas home. After the township in which they lived was organized, it received the name of Fairview, where her home was located until her marriage. Being but two years old when she entered the new home, her life has nearly all been passed upon the prairies, attending to home duties and school in its season, she passed the years of early life. On January 29th, 1888, shew as married in Towanda, Kans., to CONDA E. EAKIN, who was born January 24th, 1868, in Effingham County, Ill., where his parents were residing on a farm. In the autumn of 1873 his father sold out and removed to

Wayne County, Ia., where he purchased a farm and engaged in its cultivation until the spring of 1878; he sold again and moved into Seward Township, Stafford County, Kans., where after purchasing a settler's right to a quarter section, he then took it up under the Homestead Act and remained on it until the autumn of 1883, when he again sold out and removed into Fairview, Butler County, same state, and there purchased a quarter section of land. He was with his parents in all the above changes in the place of home. Being raised upon the farm, he received about the same education as falls to the lot of farmer boys in the West; and since his marriage follows the occupation of a farmer. They first began housekeeping upon a rented place in Fairview; since then have worked on other places in that vicinity. In January, 1892, his family left the old home in Butler County, to join him in Oklahoma, I. T., where he had gone to secure a home. They have had two children.

LELLE EAKIN was born December 12th, 1888, in Fairview, Butler County, Kan.

ALTO EAKIN was born February 19th, 1891, in Eldorado, Butler County, Kans., died April 15th, 1891.



2d. RUTH ANNA NYE was born in Franklin, Portage County, O., August 13, 1841. Died February 13th, 1854, is now buried near Galesburg, Mich.

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3d. GEORGE SHELDON NYE was born in Franklin, Portage County, O., October 20th, 1844. The first twelve years of his life were passed in the happy enjoyment of his parents' home, which was then darkened by

the shadow of his mother's death; with her departure much of the life and light of that home departed, and it seemed no longer the home it had formerly been. His father was married again in Kalamazoo County, Mich., January 16th, 1857, to Fanny Russell Thompson, who bore him two children, Viola and Addie. After their marriage home duties were resumed and continued until the autumn of 1858, when the family removed to their new home in Ashtabula County. After a very short stay there the subject of this sketch returned to Franklin on the 25th of September to accept of the offer of a home with his uncle, Arvin Olin, for a certain consideration, until he became of age. Those seven years were passed upon the farm where there was always plenty of work to be done and were years of splendid discipline. The excellent school near Earlville station supplied him with an education that permitted him to engage in school teaching in Brimfield in the winter of 1865 and 1866. The summer following, he was engaged in helping his father on the farm in Trumbull, Ashtabula County, and in the winter attended commercial college in Cleveland, O. Returned to his father's home in the spring, and soon after engaged in a store in East Trumbull, where he remained about six months; was in Michigan in the winter of 1868, looking with a view of purchasing land, but returned and helped his father again through the summer. In the fall of the same year began a term of school in Brady Lake district in Franklin. The next summer assisted his father on the farm and in the winter of 1869-70, taught school in Brady Lake district again. After spending the summer once more with his father, in September, 1870, he started for Kansas, where he took up a homestead in Butler County, and employed his time for the next three summers in improving it. At the time of taking his claim there were

scarcely half a dozen families living in the township. Game was plenty of all kinds, and once each summer while he lived there, a buffalo hunt was planned and entered into with a great deal of spirit and pleasure, and also with unvarying success. The winter of 1872-3, also the winter following he returned to Ohio with one or two cousins and taught school in Portage County, returning in the spring in season to retain their residence and right to their Homestead claim. In the autumn of 1873 he returned to Galesburg, Mich., and engaged in teaching a term of school in Richland; before the term closed he was married in Augusta, Kalamazoo Co., Mich., Feb. 16th, 1874, to CELIA E. WRIGHT, at her parents' home. She was born in Little Valley, Cattaraugus Co., N. Y., April 4th, 1850. Her mother, Betsy A., daughter of Harvey and Eleanor White Fisher, was born in Elba, Genesee County, N. Y., December 9th, 1825. Her father, Bela Wright, son of Washington and Rhoda Loomis-Wright, was born in Barre, Orleans County, N. Y., July 4th, 1826. At the time of their daughter's birth they were living on a little farm, but sold it about a year after and then worked rented land for a time, then bought a place in Elba, N. Y., where she remained with her parents until she was nine years old, when they removed to Caledonia, Kent County, Mich., and engaged in farming quite largely. Her education was begun at home where she received instruction from her aunt until she was nine years old; was then sent a few terms to a private school, and with two more terms at district school her education was necessarily completed. In September, 1867, her father having sold his farm removed to Comstock, Kalamazoo County, onto a small place which he kept about five years, then sold and moved into Galesburg where they resided until the fall of 1873, when they removed to Augusta, same county, where she was

married a few months later. After their marriage an exchange was made of his Kansas land for a place of 80 acres near Galesburg, Mich., where they moved in March, 1874, and have resided there ever since with the exception of the summer of 1882, when they lived in Galesburg. Since living in their present home, he has taught three terms of school, making nine in all. Has filled the office of township school superintendent, school inspector, besides several minor offices, but the one office in which he takes the greatest pride and considers the greatest honor, is that of historian of the Olin family, which he has held since the organization of the family reunions, at Gull Lake, in 1886. In this capacity he has been entrusted with the work of collecting material for a history of the family; and in doing so was sent in 1891 to East Greenwich, Rhode Island, which was the home of the first of the race in America, to search the records for information concerning them; the result is seen in the reliable records on the first pages of this work. Now whatever friend, who may chance to read these lines, and was instrumental in any way in committing this work into the hands of the one who has it in charge, let such be assured that the responsibility is keenly felt and a sincere desire is here expressed that the work may be satisfactory. They have five children:

FANNIE ALMIRA NYE was born January 31st, 1875, in Comstock, Kalamazoo County, Mich., where she has always resided with her parents. The greater part of her life has been passed in obtaining an education, and for that purpose has attended Union School in Galesburg, some two miles distant, for several terms, and where she graduated with her class in June, 1892. She taught her first term of school in the spring of 1891, and now expects to make teaching her life-work, and is preparing for it.

FLORA MAY NYE was born July 2d, 1876, in Comstock, Kalamazoo County, Mich. But few years of her life history is completed, and in those years she has been preparing for those yet in the future, by obtaining an education, and for that purpose is an attendant at the Union School in Galesburg.

WILLIAM BARBER NYE was born in Comstock, Kalamazoo County, Mich., June 27th, 1883.

MARY ARLETTA NYE was born in Comstock, Kalamazoo County, Mich., August 3d, 1885.

NELLIE ARLENA NYE was born October 12th, 1887, in Comstock, Kalamazoo County, Mich.



4th. JAMES TRUMAN NYE was born July 12th, 1847, in Franklin, Portage County, Ohio; was a little past nine years old when called upon to mourn the loss of a mother. After his father moved to Ashtabula County he helped him with the farm work as long as he lived in the paternal home. On the 21st day of March, 1864, he enlisted in East Trumbull, a place near his home, to serve three years or during the war. He was assigned a place in Company C, 60th Regt. O. V. I., of the 2d Brigade, and in the first division of the 9th Army Corps, and Army of the Potomac. The day following his enlistment he started for camp at Cleveland, Ohio, where he remained about one month, then proceeded to Washington, D. C., and from there to Alexandria, Va., and after a stay there of about ten days was forwarded to the front in time to participate in the battle of the Wilderness, which engagement lasted nearly seven days. This was soon followed by the engagements at Spottsylvania C. H., North Anna River, Bethesda Church, Shady Grove,

Cold Harbor, Gaines Hill, and the charge before Petersburg, on June 17th, 1864. Lay in the entrenchments about Petersburg until July 30th, when the Union forces sprung the mine which blew up the fort within the rebel lines. A charge was then immediately ordered, and in jumping a ditch his back was injured, causing him to be sent to the hospital at White Hall, Pa., where he remained nearly three months before joining his company again, when soon after, on October 27th, 1864, he participated in the battle of Hatchers Run. March 25th, 1865, took part in the engagement at Fort Steadman. His was the second regiment that entered the city of Petersburg, and the first to place its flag on the court-house dome. Was on guard at the old navy yard in Washington at the time of the execution of Mrs. Surratt, one of the conspirators against the life of President Lincoln. While in the service he was under the general command of U. S. Grant. A. E. Burnside was his Corps Commander, and M. P. Avery was the colonel of his regiment. He was discharged at Cleveland, Ohio, August 5th, 1865. After his return from the army he went to school one term at Grand River Institute, at Austinburg, then assisted his father on the farm during the summer, and attended the district school the winter following. June 30th, 1867, was married by Justice Webb, at his home in Trumbull, Ohio, to BERTHA M. ALLEN, who was born in Bath, Summit Co., Ohio, June 15th, 1848. When she was about four years old her father, in company with his brother, went to California over the overland route, to engage in mining for gold in that far-off country. Upon reaching the Pacific Coast they were in a few months attacked by typhoid fever, which was then raging there, and soon both yielded to its fatal effects. Her mother remained in the little home her father had provided for her, and, as she had



learned the trade of tailoress, she was able to make a comfortable living until the daughter was seven years old, when her mother married again, and moved into Brecksville, Cuyahoga Co., Ohio, upon a farm. When she was seventeen she began her first term of school as teacher.

About that time her step father sold his farm and moved to East Trumbull, Ohio, in 1865, where he purchased a farm on which she had a home until after her marriage. After which she continued to reside in her parents' home, while her husband engaged in working his own place of forty-three acres and that of his father's until the spring of 1868, when they sold out and removed with a team and wagon to Alamo, Mich., where he worked for his brother until August, then removed to Decatur, Van Buren County, same state, and purchased a place of forty acres, on which they lived until the 15th of March, 1869, when he sold out and started a few weeks after for Sedalia, Mo., where he engaged in business until March, 1870, then moved on to a rented farm in Henry County, same state, where he remained until his removal the next spring on to his homestead in Fairview, Butler County, Kansas; while living on his homestead his wife taught in her own home, about the first term of school that was taught in the township. A few years ago he sold his original homestead and purchased a place of eighty acres in the same township, where he still resides and engages in farming. They have two children.

MARY MABEL NYE was born in Sedalia, Pettis County, Mo., November 21st, 1869. She has been with her parents in all their experience as pioneers in the new settlement and developing of their new home on the Kansas prairies. As the country became more thickly settled, more schools were required and the land gradu-

ally took on more the appearance of that thrift and prosperity characteristic of older countries. The district schools were the means by which her education was almost entirely obtained. She began teaching her first term of six months of school in the autumn of 1888, for which she received thirty dollars per month; her first term has been followed by several others, all successfully taught. She was married at her father's home in Fairview, Kansas, March 9th, 1892, to GEORGE M. BAKER, who was born in Newport, Ky., March 9th, 1867. His father followed the occupation of farmer and gardener. When his son was six years old he moved into Cincinnati, Ohio, that he might better educate his children.

When he was fifteen years old his father removed with his family to Kansas, and after living there with him two years he returned to Cincinnati to work for his uncle, who was engaged in the grocery and provision business: after seven months, stay he went back to Kansas to help his father on the farm during the summer and attend school in the winter; he was thus engaged four years, when his uncle desired his help in the store; he again went back and remained seven months more, then left the store preferring farming in Kansas, where he has been engaged ever since, and by industry and economy has succeeded in obtaining the stock and implements necessary in carrying on that branch of business.

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LEROY GEORGE NYE was born in Fairview, Butler County, Kansas, December 26th, 1872. Since his father has been so much afflicted with rheumatism, his assistance has been very much needed in the home in helping to carry on the farm; this he seems to realize and faithfully stands by his post of duty and renders valuable

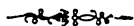
aid in helping to carry out his father's plans. He attends school in the district whenever the work is such that he can be spared.



5th. JONATHAN B. NYE was born in Franklin, Portage County, Ohio, March 13th, 1852. Died September 17th, 1856, is now buried in Oak Grove cemetery near Galesburg, Mich.



## DIVISION 14.



# Families and Descendants OF ALMIRA OLIN BRANCA.



ALMIRA OLIN.—We now come to the fourteenth and last of Ezra and Ruth Olin's children. We do not think because she was the youngest of the family she was necessarily spoiled in her early and subsequent training, because like all the rest of the children she became acquainted with the same kind of labor, the same privations that the others became so familiar with. She was born at the old homestead "in the hillside," June 2d, 1815. She early in life had a desire to attend Sabbath school and day school, and although she was obliged to walk a long distance through the woods alone when no more than five or six years old, still she was brave and persevering. Only once did her courage fail her; then her childish imagination pictured out an Indian leaping down from a tree and lying in wait for her; she turned and ran with all speed back to her mother to whom she related her wonderful experience and narrow escape. Her mother soon quieted her childish fears, returned with her to the place and showed her there was nothing to





ALMIRA OLIN BOLTON.



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molest her. When she was six years old she considered herself quite able to begin to do what her older sisters were doing, so at that early age she did her first work at the spinning wheel, by her brother Truman placing a plank upon some blocks for her to stand upon in order to bring her high enough to reach her work; soon she was able to show with considerable pride her first spindle full of yarn; when she was eight years old she made a practice each day of spinning her skein of yarn. The spinning wheel was the only musical instrument farmer girls at that time took lessons upon, and right merrily they could make them hum from morn till late at night; the mother perhaps beating time on the old loom in the corner where their threads were woven into cloth from which were made the clothing and other articles for home use or it was exchanged for something necessary and needed in the home. It was not then customary when the cloth was ready to call in the dressmaker or tailor to make it into fashionable suits for the mother and her girls knew just how to do that, and as for the *latest style* of make they never consulted a *fashion plate*, but made them more in accordance with the spirit and independence of the times. When she was nine years old she left her old Green mountain home, and with her mother, sisters and a brother went on to Perry to join the rest of the family, who were there preparing new homes in that western country. They went in a wagon to Albany, and from there to Rochester, they had the pleasure of traveling—in a palace car? No! but a slow, safe and cosy canal boat, which was considered a great improvement over jolting along over new and rough roads in a lumber wagon. From Rochester to Perry some forty miles they traveled on foot, thus the distance of three hundred miles was accomplished in about eight days. Her father's home in Perry was her

home for the next ten years; during this time she was employed in assisting her mother with the household duties and in spinning wool and flax or weaving it into cloth to be used in the home or disposed of it for other necessities as occasion required or opportunity was offered. This practice she followed years after she had a home of her own to provide for. On May 25th, 1834, she was married to WARREN BOLTON, who was born September 10th, 1809, in the town of Serburne, Chenango county, New York. His father was a native of the Eastern part of the same state and had gone to Serburne several years before the birth of his son, at which time his health being impaired, he had given up farming and was engaged in the manufacture of woodenware; after a time having regained his health he moved with his family into the town of Leicester in 1816, on to a farm belonging to his father's brother, and engaged in the work of clearing and farming. He lived with his father until his death, and then with the help of his brothers carried on the farm until his marriage; the farm was then sold and his brothers moved to the West.

The year following their marriage they moved to the town of Royalton, Cuyahoga County, O., where they lived four years. In April, 1838, they moved into Portage County, same state, and lived on her brother Samuel's farm. Her husband then worked for this brother one year. The next year they lived on and worked a farm for her brother Arvin and then in 1841 they moved back to Perry, N. Y., with a four horse team drawing a wagon which contained all their household effects, themselves and three little children. After their arrival in Perry they rented her father's farm for the next three years. In 1843 they bought a small place of two acres in Leicester where they lived one year. While living there they buried their little son James.

In May, 1844, they bought a farm of one hundred and six acres in Castile on the west shore of Silver Lake, which was afterward made famous by the discovery on its surface of a huge "sea-serpent," which occasionally showed itself and frightened people nearly out of their wits. Old sailors with ropes and harpoons came from a distance to capture it. The shores were lined with people at times to catch but a glimpse of the "greatest wonder" of the age; The hotels did a thriving business for a time and the excitement was great. Finally it was seen no more; it had disappeared as mysteriously as it came, and its remembrance was well nigh forgotten when some workmen discovered in the attic of the village hotel its huge form quietly, reposing, unconscious as ever of having been an instrument in the hands of its designer for pecuniary motives only which its notoriety was sure to bring. After a stay of six years on their farm in Castile, they again, in 1850, moved into Leicester, where they had purchased a farm of one hundred and three acres. In August, 1868, after they had fitted up their home very nicely, upon their return to it one day after a few hours' absence they found nothing left but a pile of smouldering embers. Fire had swept it all away except a few things thoir neighbors had hastily saved from the flames. Though greatly discouraged by the loss of their house and the many things it contained, which represented so much hard labor, they did not give much time to lamenting, but went at once to work with determination and again had the satisfaction of seeing another house completed and furnished with some of the comforts of life.

On May 25th, 1884, their children, friends and neighbors assembled at their pleasant home to celebrate with them their "golden wedding" day. Let us here notice this remarkable fact that in this family of four-

teen children, the parents, four sons and two daughters all lived with their companions to pass the fiftieth anniversary of their wedding-day; also that never in their mother's life did she see all her children together at one time. On several occasions she saw them all assembled with the exception of one only, being scattered here and there in homes of their own, till death finally broke their ranks and that home circle was then incomplete on earth forever.

In the month of June, 1886, the subject of this sketch with her husband, though both were past the allotted time of three score and ten, started from their home in New York in their carriage to spend the summer in visiting their friends in Ohio and Michigan. They preferred this manner of traveling, as it possessed many advantages in visiting their numerous friends in their homes, which are so widely separated. In the autumn they returned to their home benefited in health and possessing pleasant memories from associating with so many of their kindred in their own homes. A few years ago they made an exchange in their place of home, disposing of the one in the township of Leicester, they purchased a place of fifty acres in Perry, where they have since resided. In the fall of 1891 they joined the Olin excursion and attended the meeting of the family at Bennington, Vt., and with others gathered around the ruins of her old home and birthplace in Shaftsbury, where a photograph was taken of the scene, in which the past and present are sadly blended. They have had five children.

1st. MILES BOLTON was born in North Royalton, Cuyahoga Co., Ohio, April 13th, 1836, where he lived with his parents about five years, then moved with them into Portage county, and was with them when they returned to Perry, N. Y. He lived at home until he was nine-

teen years old; was brought up on the farm. His education was obtained in the common schools, with a few terms at Perry Academy. The summer he was nineteen he worked on the farm for his uncle, Truman Olin. When he was twenty he made a trip to Peoria, Ill., and there remained through the summer; in the meantime was married, June 14th, 1856, to REBECCA MITCHELL, who was born in Dover, Delaware, April 15th, 1835. She removed with her parents to Illinois when but seven years old. The days of her youth were passed in Peoria County, Ill., where she attended the public schools., After her marriage she lived near Perry, N. Y., five years, and again moved to Peoria City, Ill., where she lived until about 1883, when she removed to California, and has since made her home with her two sons there. They had three children, whose records see further on. From this his first wife a decree of separation was issued at Bryan, Ohio, by Judge Latta, in the spring of 1867. He has been considerably engaged in school-teaching, having taught in "Squawky Hill" and Castile, in New York, Indiana, Illinois and Missouri, some seventeen terms in all. While living in Leicester, N. Y., he enlisted in Company E, 147th Regt. N. Y. Inf. From Elmira his company went to Washington, D. C., thence to Alexandria, to Culpepper, Va., and to Rapidan, and was forced to join in General Meade's retreat to Centerville. Again they were at Culpepper, and next in the engagement at Mine Run, Va. Soon after went into winter quarters until the spring of 1864. The first general engagement then being the battle of the Wilderness, followed by Spottsylvania, where he received a slight wound, and was sent to the Division hospital. Was next sent with a division of one hundred men to guard hospital train, or train of wounded men, to White House Landing, where he was permanently detailed to serve in

Hospital Department. He generally had 300 patients, and 25 nurses under his charge; was engaged there until the close of the war. Received his discharge at City Point, then returned to Perry, N. Y., and, after a short stay went west to Ohio, remaining until December, then engaged in collecting for Phillips & Son, which called him through various parts of Ohio, Indiana, Illinois and Michigan. Was next engaged in life insurance business about six months. In the spring of 1867 was engaged in selling fruit trees in Indiana, and there became acquainted with the one who afterward became his wife. MARY A. AMOS was born in Patriot, Gallia Co., Ohio, October 12th, 1834, where she lived until she was married to John M. Waugh, and with him went to Virginia, where they resided until his death, in 1861, then returned to Ohio, and afterward visited a friend in Martinsville, Ind., where she met and was married to Miles Bolton, September 24th, 1867. Soon after their marriage he made a trip to a place called Four Mile, in Dunklin Co., Mo., where he stopped and engaged in school-teaching. His wife joined him there after a tedious journey of seventy miles in a large wagon used for hauling cotton, it being the only conveyance at hand. They remained there about a year, then went to Poplar Bluffs, Butler Co., same state. While there he received the appointment of postmaster, which office he held during his stay of eighteen months, then returned to Leicester, and engaged in farming rented land. In the spring of 1877 went to Oakland, Ill., and engaged in grocery-store and restaurant about two years, then went to Omaha, Neb., and entered the smelting works, where he worked at carpenter-work, a knowledge of which he had already gained. While there took a contract to build a house in Wahoo, Neb.; moved there, and completed the job, and then engaged in other work of like nature.

In the spring of 1880 returned to Leicester, where he engaged in farming with his father two years, and after the following year went to Moscow and bought a place, on which they resided, and he worked at the carpenter's trade, which he has followed more or less ever since. In the fall of 1888 removed to Perry, where he has since resided in the same house with his parents.

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CHARLES A. BOLTON, son of Miles and Rebecca Bolton, was born in Pekin, Illinois, June 2d, 1859. His early life after he was five years old was passed in the State of Illinois. Attended the city schools in Peoria, where he obtained his education. He then learned the trade of boilermaker while he lived in Peoria, where he was married December 24th, 1882, to ALICE WRIGLEY, who was born in Pekin, Ill., May 17th, 1862. She afterward lived in the city of Peoria, Ill., where she attended and graduated from the public schools of the city. After their marriage they began housekeeping in Jacksonville, Ill. From there they moved to Peoria, and in August, 1883, moved to California, locating in Sacramento, where they remained a year, then moved to San Francisco, and the year following went to San Jose, and from there on south to Tulare, where they resided five years, but the climate there not agreeing with Mrs. Bolton's health, they returned north where in the spring of 1891 he was foreman boilermaker in the S. P. R. R. shops in Newark, Cal., where he had resided since the 20th of December, 1890. He owns a ranch in the southern part of the state. They have had four children.

WILLIAM H. BOLTON was born October 8th, 1883, in Sacramento, Cal., where he died November 2d, 1883.

ARTHUR H. BOLTON was born June 29th, 1885, in San Jose, Cal.

IRVIN C. BOLTON was born August 13th, 1887, in Tulare, Cal.

NELLIE IRENE BOLTON was born in Tulare, Cal., September 30th, 1890.

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IRVIN T. BOLTON was born March 3d, 1862, in Mt. Morris, N. Y. When three years old he went to Peoria, Ill., with his mother, and there lived and attended the public schools until February, 1875, when he left to learn the bookbinding trade at the Peoria Transcript Company, where he worked five years; having then mastered the business, he accepted a better position with J. W. Franke & Son, of same place; remained with them two years, and after spending one summer in Springfield, Ill., went in August, 1882, to Sacramento, Cal., and in October following went to San Jose, and engaged in work for McNeil Bros. until June, 1885, when he there engaged in business for himself as bookbinder and blank-book manufacturer, which he continued until November, 1890, when he moved to San Diego, Cal., to take charge of Gould, Hutton & Co.'s bindery, which position he still holds. He was married July 18th, 1888, in San Jose, Cal., to LIBBIE E. LUPKIN who was born in Carson, Nevada, March 27th, 1868. In 1880 her parents moved to San Francisco, Cal., where she remained two years and attended the public schools. Her parents then moved to Hailey, Idaho. The schools at that place not being satisfactory, she was sent to a private school for girls at Reno, Nevada, where she remained two years. Upon returning to her home in Idaho, the climate not agreeing with her, by the advice of her physicians she was sent to the milder climate of San Jose, Cal., and there remained, with the exception of three visits to her parents in Idaho, until her marriage. They have two children.



CHARLES H. L. BOLTON was born May 28th, 1889, in San Jose, Cal.

LOIS IRVIN BOLTON was born in San Diego, Cal., April 26, 1892.

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NEILLIE EMMA BOLTON was born November 28th, 1864, died February 18, 1867.



2d. PARIS BOLTON was born in Royalton, Cuyahoga County, Ohio, December 26th, 1838. Remained at home on the farm until he was married. His school privileges consisted of a common school course until he was about sixteen years old, then attended academy at Perry about four terms, and one term at Brockport. He was married December 29th, 1861, to MARY M. PHILLIPS, who was born August 26th, 1837, in Perry, N. Y., where she had always lived at the time of her marriage, after which they moved into a part of his father's house in Leicester and rented seven acres of land of a neighbor on which he set out two acres in hops in the spring of 1862, it proved a good investment.

In June, 1863, he received a request from "Uncle Sam" in the shape of a "draft" for him to serve in his army. it seemed rather unkind in his "uncle", as he had just began business for himself and really had no time to spare, neither had he sufficient means to hire a substitute and as excuses availed nothing, in due time he presented himself at Elmira, N. Y., where he was received and forwarded to the army front in Virginia and assigned a place in Company E, 147th Regt. N. Y. Inf. Immediately after his introduction into the army his

regiment was ordered forward where they participated in the battle of Mine Run which was followed by the battle of the wilderness, Spottsylvania and North Anna River. After about a year passed in active service he was detached and placed in charge of Hospital in immediate rear of the Division. He seemed especially adapted to this branch of service as testimonials in his possession from those under his care will prove. He witnessed the springing of the mine at Petersburg, Va., and many other scenes which followed, down to the final and important event of Lee's surrender to General Grant at Appomattox Court House. He received his discharge from the army at or near Washington, D. C., June 9th, 1865, then returned to his home and business in Leicester, N. Y., and in the autumn bought a farm of fifty acres in the same township on which he moved, and remained a year and a half, then bought another farm of 100 acres in the township of Perry which has been his home ever since. He has been engaged in hop raising and general farming since he began business for himself and has been quite successful. Mrs. Mary M. Bolton died June 9th, 1871, was laid in the cemetery at Perry Center. She left one daughter, CLARA M. BOLTON, born in Perry, Wyoming County, N. Y., April 14th, 1864. Her home has always been with her father, only when away in attendance at school. She received good educational advantages, having attended in Perry, and afterward graduating from school in Rochester. Her home is still with her parents in Perry. Mr. Bolton was again married, March 30th, 1876, to ELIZABETH N. JUDD at her father's home in Perry. She was born September 29th, 1836, in the town of Veteran, Chemung County, N. Y., where the family lived until 1843, then moved into Perry township, where they still resided at the time of her marriage. She improved her time while in attend-

ance at the public schools with one term at Elmira high school, so was able to engage in teaching, which she began when but fifteen years old, and afterward taught eighteen terms, thirteen being in the district where she lived.



3rd. JAMES BOLTON was born September 14th, 1840, in Streetsboro, Ohio, died in Leicester, N. Y., November 30th, 1844, buried at Perry Center.



4th. HENRY BOLTON was born in Perry, Wyoming County, N. Y., March 27th, 1843. Lived at home and assisted his father in the farm work until he became of age. Attended school in the district and the academy at Perry. Was married December 8th, 1863, at the home of his wife's mother, in Groveland, Livingston County, N. Y., to ALVIRA GAMBLE, who was born in Groveland, N. Y., March 16th, 1841. Her father, David Gamble, was a farmer and settled in Groveland in 1814, where he spent the remainder of his life. He died September 11th, 1860. While he lived she had a home with him, but afterward she lived with her mother near the old home which was then occupied by her brother. She attended school in the home district until she was about fourteen, then attended Mt. Morris Union School several terms, and then Allen Seminary at Rochester one year. She has engaged in teaching school several terms. After their marriage he worked his mother-in-law's place for a time, afterward purchased a farm in Leicester, N. Y., on which they lived some five years;

then traded for a grist mill in Perry and was engaged there about a year; then moved onto a farm west of Silver Lake in Castile, where they remained two years; then moved on to a farm in Webster, Monroe County, on which they resided three years; then moved to the town of Princeton, where he again engaged in the milling business, which did not prove very successful. In the spring of 1878 his family returned to Livingston County, where they resided about nine years in Mt. Morris; then in order to receive the benefit of the normal school, removed to Geneseo, where she has since resided. They had four children:

H. EWART BOLTON was born in Groveland, Livingston County, N. Y., September 11th, 1864. In the early years of his life to the time that he was fourteen his home had been with his parents in the different places in which they resided. After he was settled in his home in Mt. Morris he seemed to have but one fixed purpose in view that of obtaining an education; but laboring under many difficulties his progress in that direction was slow. While carrying on his school work in Mt. Morris he also engaged in employment in a store for some time, and then commenced to learn the miller's trade in one of the mills there; but the work not agreeing with him he was obliged to give it up and for a time took the agency of a book and traveled a few months in Ontario County, returning in the fall, benefited in health. He worked through the following winter in a store, and in 1889 moved with others of the family to Geneseo, where he has since resided. He graduated from the union schools in Mt. Morris in 1883. Has been an attendant at the normal school where he now lives, and expected to graduate in the spring of 1891. He has taught three terms of school and intends to make teaching his life work.

GEORGE W. BOLTON was born in Leicester, Livingston county, N. Y., January 18th, 1868. In his youth he made his home some two years with his uncle, Paris Bolton, working on the farm, and attending school in the winter. He also lived with his grandparents over a year in that part of his life. Having a great desire when but sixteen years old to become a farmer in the Great West, he then started out, landing in Omaha, Neb.; afterward visited Denver and other parts, and finally settled on a homestead in Folsom, Colfax Co., New Mexico, where he is engaged in fitting up a home, and is very enthusiastic over the future prospects of the country in which he has selected a home. Those moral and Christian principles which form his character give him a ready entrance into the confidences of his townspeople, who have already mentioned his name in connection with offices of trust and responsibility.

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WILLIAM P. BOLTON was born July 3d, 1870, in Leicester, Livingston County, N. Y. His mother being thrown upon her own resources when her children were quite young, they soon became impressed with the fact that they must plan to make their own headway in the world, and it was therefore necessary that they make the most of their opportunities, with what little aid their mother could give them. In attending school he made the best use of his time. When about fifteen years old he entered a printing-office in Mt. Morris to learn the printer's trade. When his mother removed to Geneseo he went with her there, and entered the office of the *Livingston Republican*, where he remained two years; but, charmed with the glowing reports he heard of the West, in February, 1879, he started for the "Queen City of the Plains," where he is now connected with the

*Denver Republican*, the State journal of Colorado. He feels that whatever success he may gain in life can be attributed to the careful training and good instruction he received before he left his mother's home.

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EMMA M. BOLTON was born in Castile, Wyoming County, N. Y., January 28th, 1875. In the summer of 1890, when she was fifteen years old, she finished her work in the Intermediate Department of her school in Geneseo, and then entered the Normal, where she intends taking a classical course, which requires four years' work. Her aim in life is to become a teacher.



5th. MILTON D. BOLTON, the youngest son of Warren and Almira Bolton, was born in Leicester, Livingston County, N. Y., November 14th, 1852. He remained at home with his parents on the farm until he was about nineteen years old; he then went to Geneseo to attend school. While there he was engaged by the County Sheriff to perform the duties of Turnkey at the jail, but his parents being quite opposed to his serving in that position he resigned and returned home. He was engaged in teaching three terms of school. Was married at the home of his wife's parents in Gainesville, N. Y., September 27th, 1876, to MARTHA E. BEAUMONT, who was born in Gainesville, Wyoming County, N. Y., September 27th, 1856, where she passed her childhood and youth. Attended the district school until she was fifteen, then spent one year at Union School in Castile. After

their marriage began housekeeping in Greigsville, Livingston County, N. Y.; afterward moved to Omaha, Neb., where they resided three months, and in Forest City, same state, a year and a half. While living there they were visited by a destructive flood, which overflowed the valley in which they lived. Taking his wife and child into Omaha to stay, he then engaged work on one of the new railroads that was being built through that western country. Entering upon his work he was heard from once or twice afterward; then all was silent and his absence is shrouded in mystery. His wife and aged mother firmly believe that he has met death in some form, perhaps some accident overtook him while engaged in his work, and for various reasons no report was given. His wife and child returned to her parents' home, where she remained until November, 1890, then went to Castile, where her son is attending school.

CHARLES BOLTON was born in Forest City, Sarpy County, Neb., August 18th, 1880.

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